



X-MEN

GOLD

DON'T MESS
WITH THE

X-MEN!

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GENETICALLY GIFTED WITH UNCANNY ABILITIES, MUTANTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE NEXT STAGE OF HUMAN EVOLUTION. WHILE THE WORLD HATES AND FEARS THEM, KITTY PRYDE HAS REFORMED THE TEAM OF MUTANT HEROES KNOWN AS THE X-MEN TO USE THEIR POWERS FOR GOOD AND SPREAD A POSITIVE IMAGE OF MUTANTKIND.

PREVIOUSLY IN **X-MEN GOLD...**

AN ATTACK ON THE UNITED NATIONS BY THE NEW BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS HAS LEFT THE WORLD IN OUTRAGE AND THE X-MEN IN DISARRAY. AFTER THE BROTHERHOOD UPS THE ANTE BY KIDNAPPING NEW YORK CITY'S MAYOR, IT BECOMES MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER FOR KITTY PRYDE AND THE X-MEN TO FIND AND STOP THEIR MUTANT ENEMIES—BEFORE THEY BEGIN A WAR WITH HUMANKIND!

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KITTY PRYDE



STORM
ORORO MUNROE



NIGHTCRAWLER
KURT WAGNER



COLOSSUS
PIOTR RASPUTIN



PRESTIGE
RACHEL GREY



OLD MAN LOGAN



ALL THESE YEARS...



...WHY CAN'T ANY
FLAMIN' THING
EVER BE EASY?

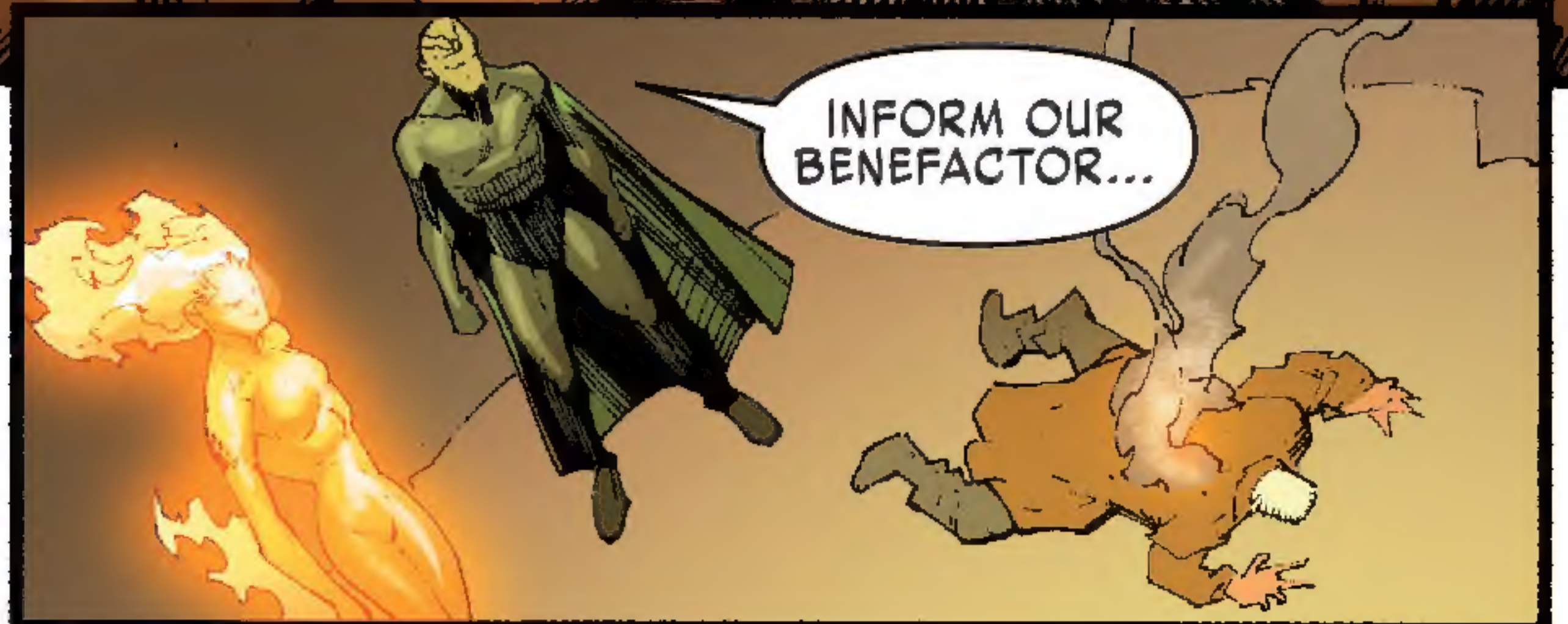
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WELL DONE,
AMARA...



INFORM OUR
BENEFACOR...

"...WE'RE PROCEEDING
TO PHASE THREE."

KURT AND
PETER ARE
SPINNING UP
THE X-JET.

REALLY NEED
A BETTER NAME
FOR THAT...

AND
LOGAN?

HE SAID HE
AND THE MAYOR
ARE BEING HELD IN
SOME UNDERGROUND
FACILITY ON LONG
ISLAND.

HE
MAKES SIX
HOSTILES.

SIX ON SIX.
I LIKE THOSE
ODDS.

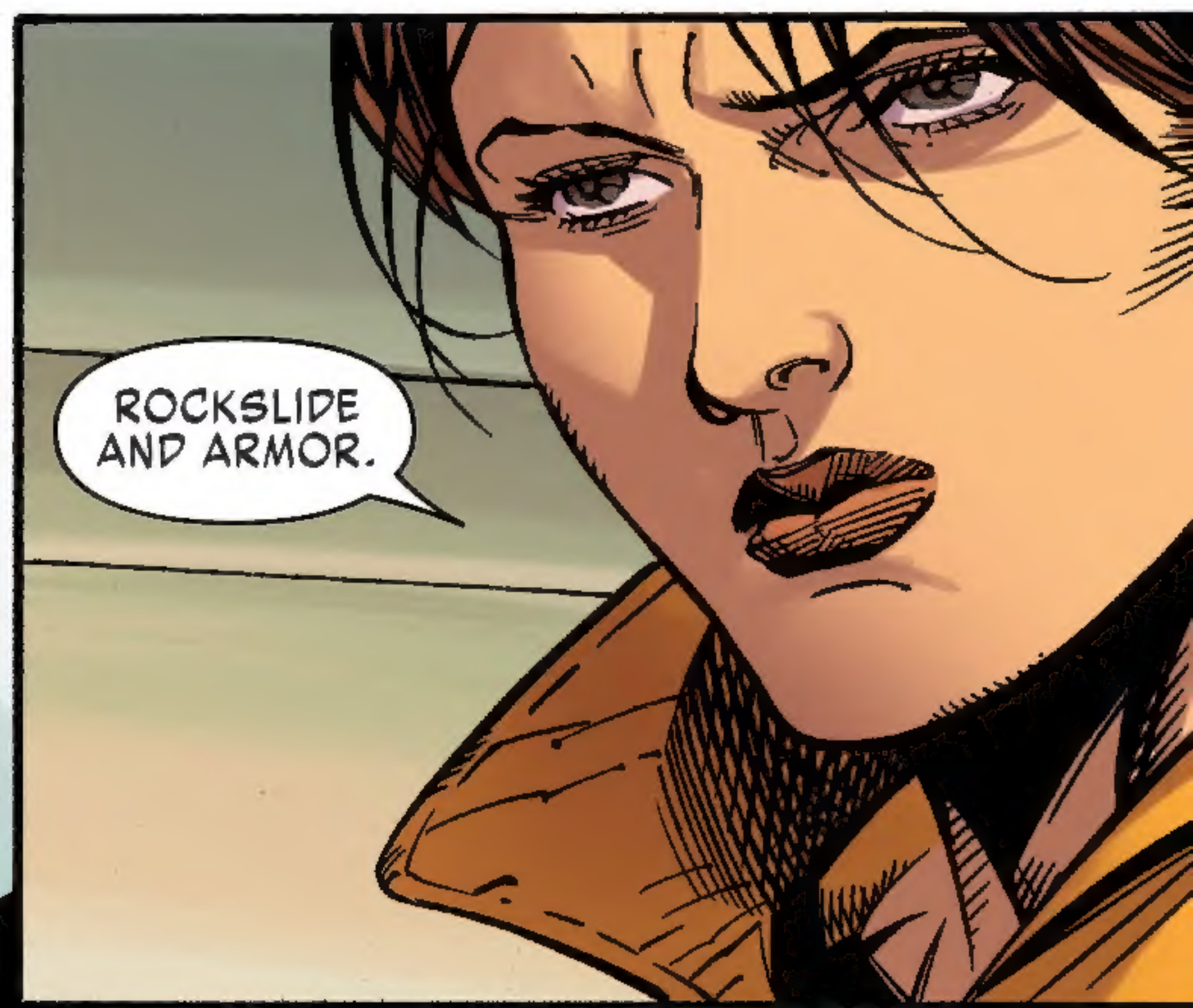
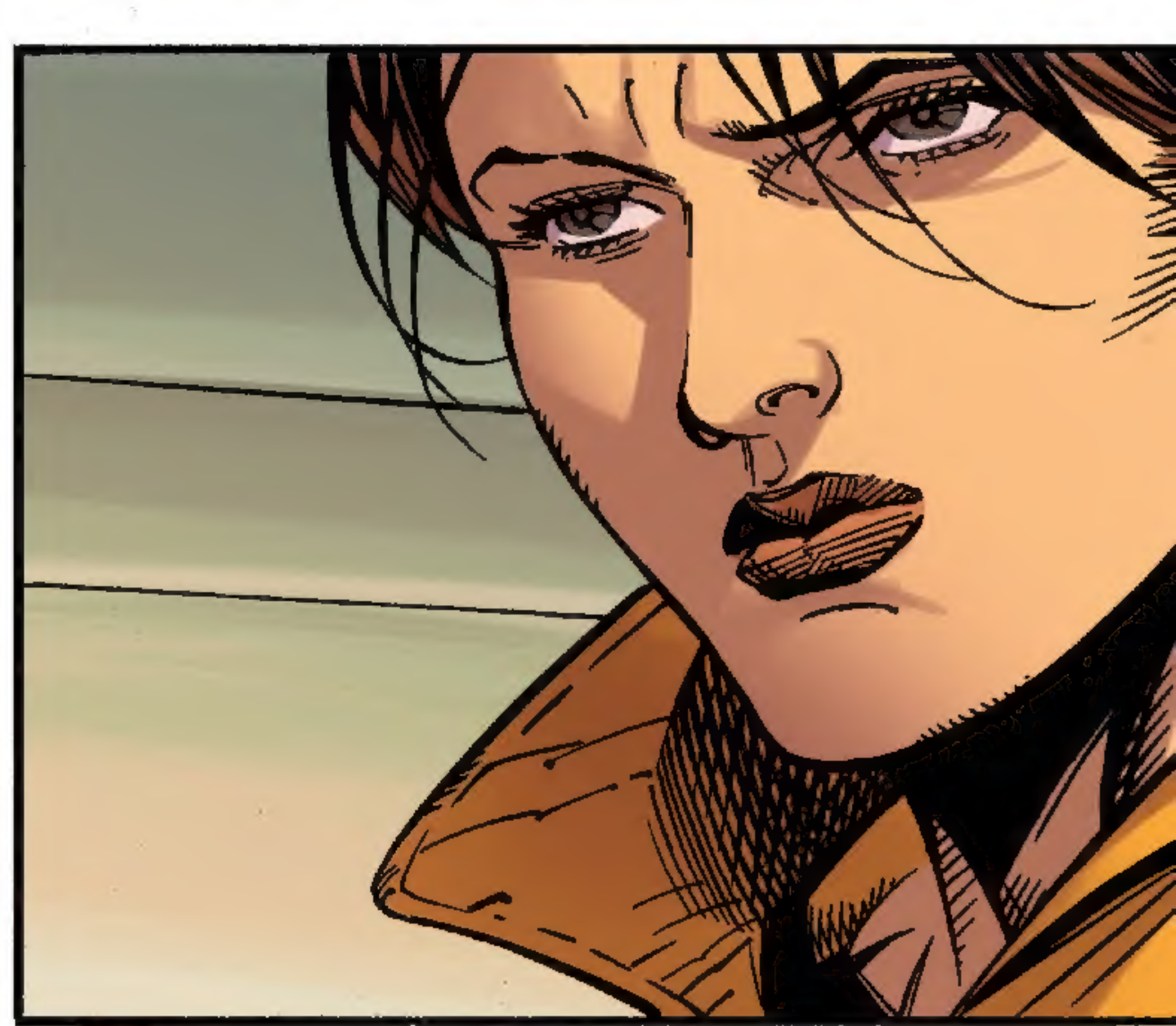




I APPRECIATE THAT, ANOLE, BUT WE'VE BEEN KEEPING STUDENTS OUT OF COMBAT SITUATIONS.

LOTS OF US HAVE **BEEN** IN COMBAT SITUATIONS.

YOU GOT THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK BEING HELD HOSTAGE. WHERE'S IT WRITTEN YOU GUYS HAVE TO GO IN SHORT-HANDED?



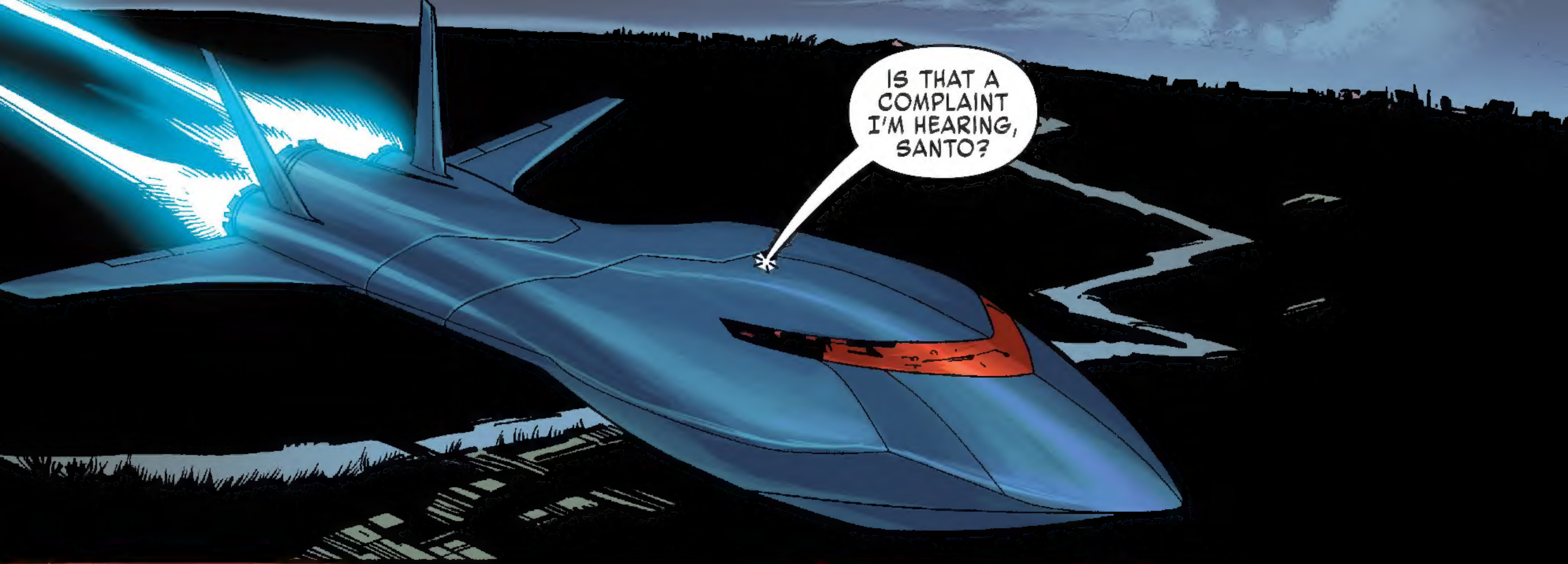
ROCKSLIDE AND ARMOR.



WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF US?

IT'S NOT A SCHOOL FIELD TRIP.

"MAN, THAT WAS STONE-COLD..."



IS THAT A COMPLAINT I'M HEARING, SANTO?

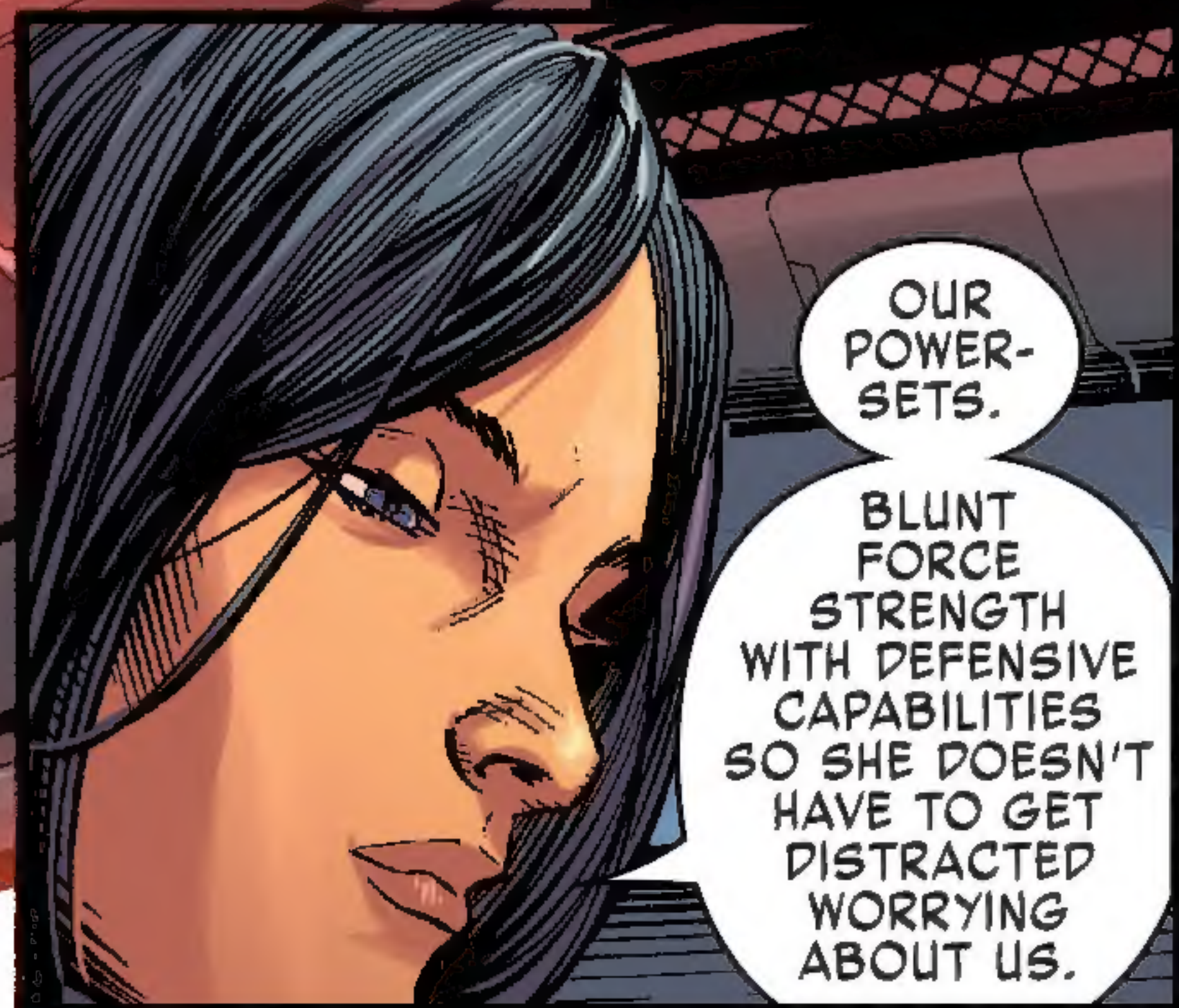


NO, MA'AM.

GOOD.

YOU KNOW WHY I PICKED YOU TWO, RIGHT?

AESTHETIC BEAUTY AND SHEER AWESOMENESS?

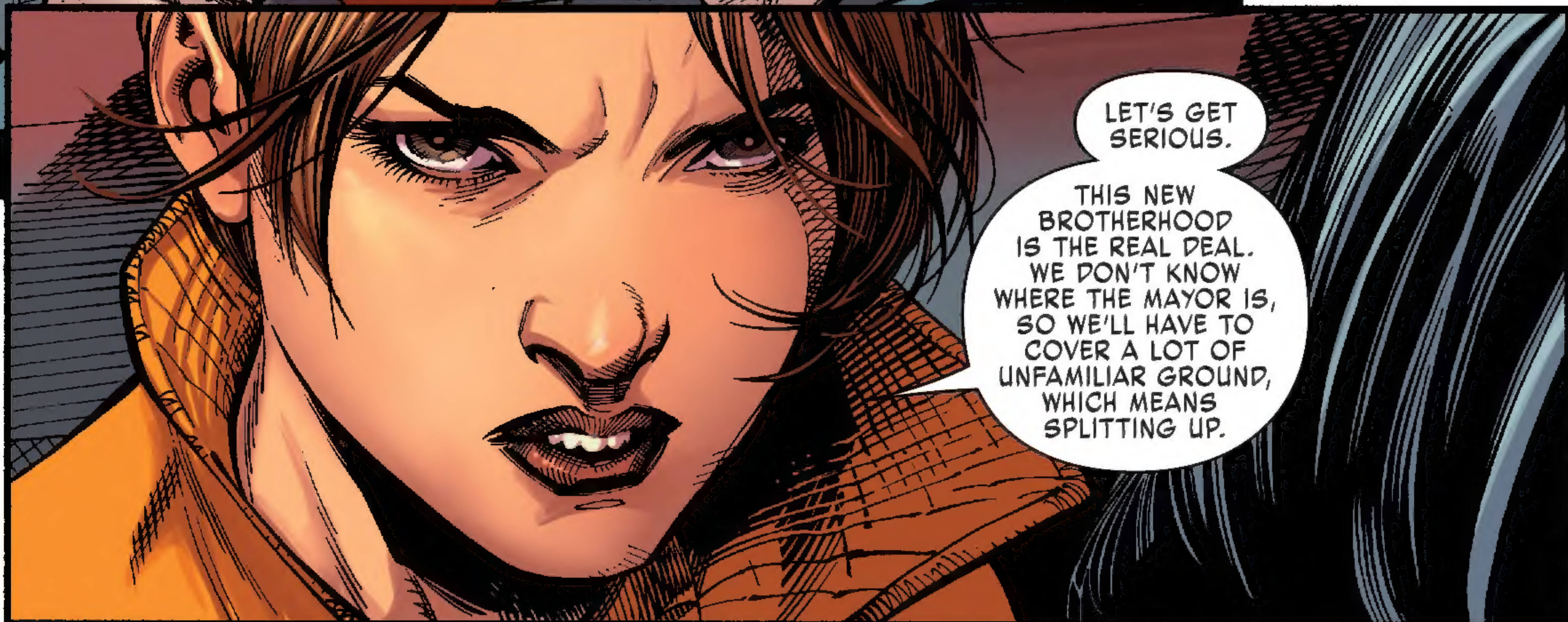


OUR POWER-SETS.

BLUNT FORCE STRENGTH WITH DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES SO SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO GET DISTRACTED WORRYING ABOUT US.



BUT SHEER AWESOMENESS TOO, RIGHT?



LET'S GET SERIOUS.

THIS NEW BROTHERHOOD IS THE REAL DEAL. WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE MAYOR IS, SO WE'LL HAVE TO COVER A LOT OF UNFAMILIAR GROUND, WHICH MEANS SPLITTING UP.



"THEY'VE GOT A
HIGH-LEVEL TELEPATH
ON THEIR SIDE, SO
RACHEL'S REINFORCING
ALL OUR PSI-SHIELDS."

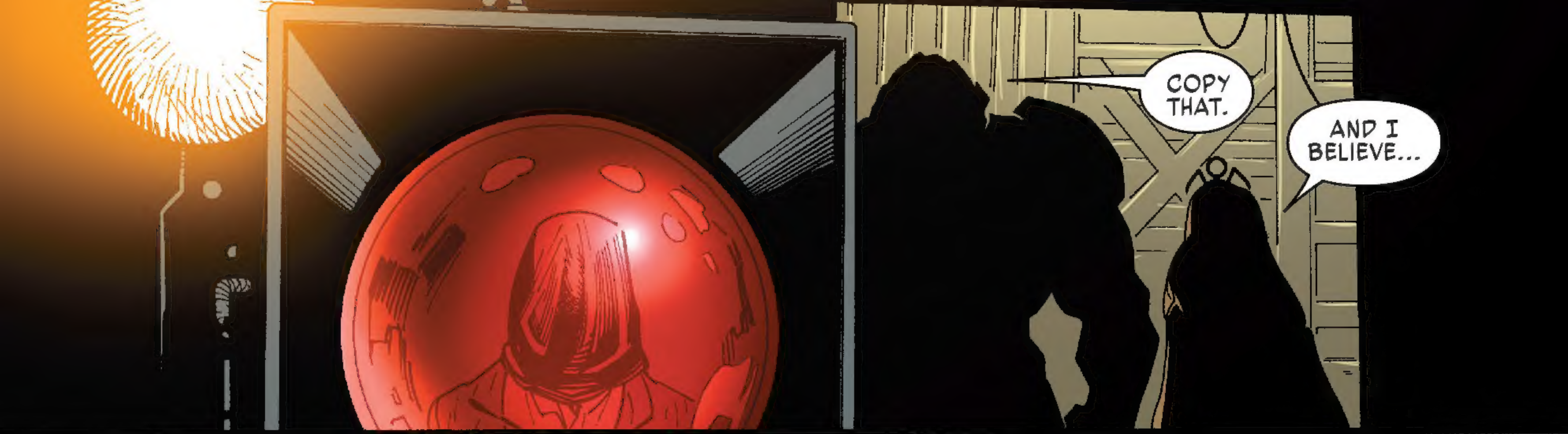


"STILL, WE'VE GOT
TO BE READY FOR
ANYTHING."



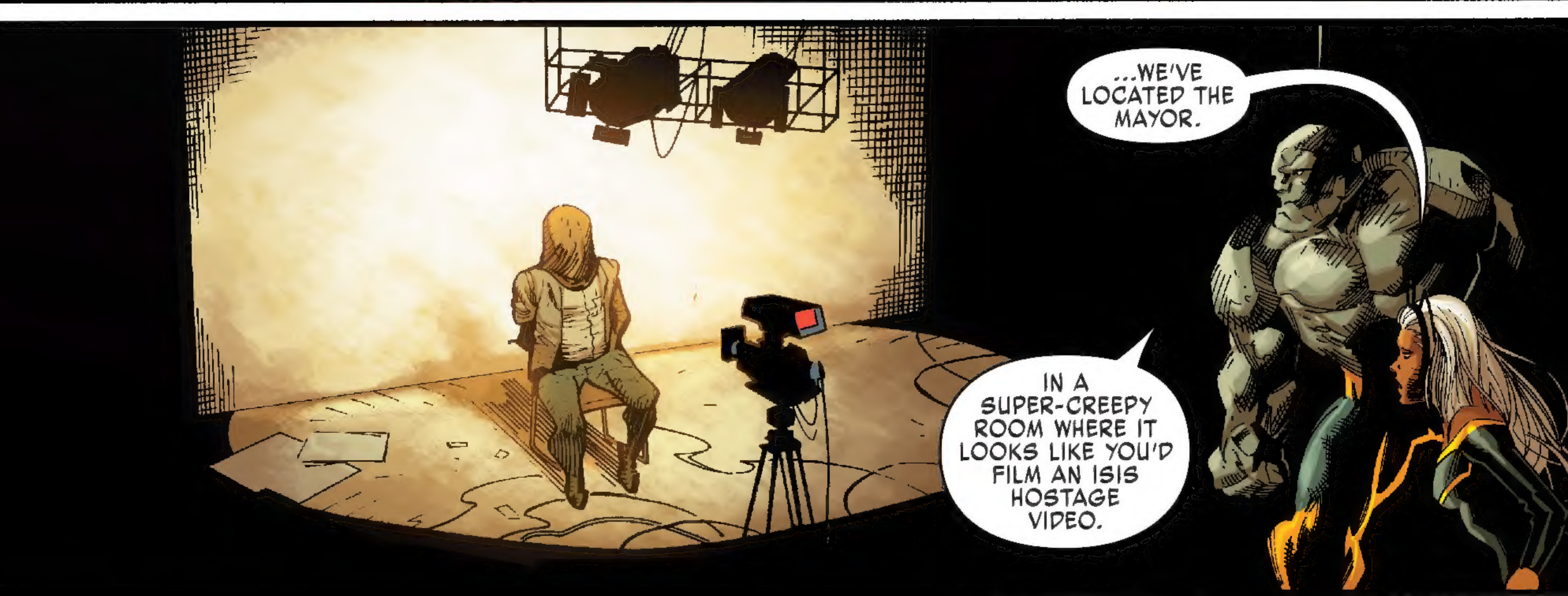
ALL
TEAMS,
THIS IS
PRYDE.

WE'VE
ENGAGED
THE WEIRD
NEW GUY.



COPY
THAT.

AND I
BELIEVE...



...WE'VE
LOCATED THE
MAYOR.

IN A
SUPER-CREEPY
ROOM WHERE IT
LOOKS LIKE YOU'D
FILM AN ISIS
HOSTAGE
VIDEO.



EXTRACT
THE MAYOR. TOP
PRIORITY.

ABOUT THAT,
KITTEN...I THINK
OUR TELEPATH
HAS GOTTEN TO
LOGAN.

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN YOU
THINK?

I MEAN
WE'RE FAIRLY
CERTAIN.



KURT...

GET THE
MAYOR.

BAMF

GOTTEN.

BAMF

BAMF

OH, SURE.
SAVE THE MAYOR
AND LEAVE ME TO
DEAL WITH THE
OLD GUY.

PRESTIGE,
THESE GUYS
ARE JUST
PUNCHERS...

WHERE'S
OUR
PSYCHIC?



ON IT. BUT
HIS PSI-DEFENSES
ARE TIGHT.

I'M HAVING
TROUBLE
GETTING A READ
ON HIM.



AGGGGH--!



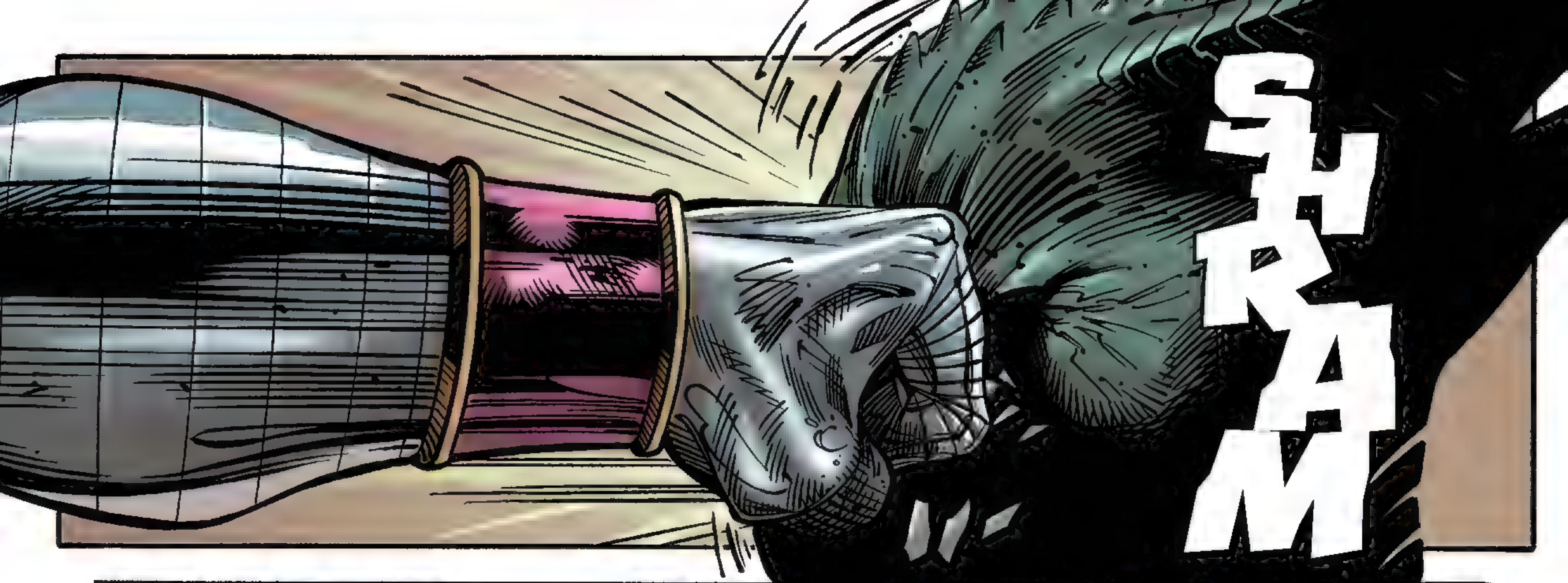
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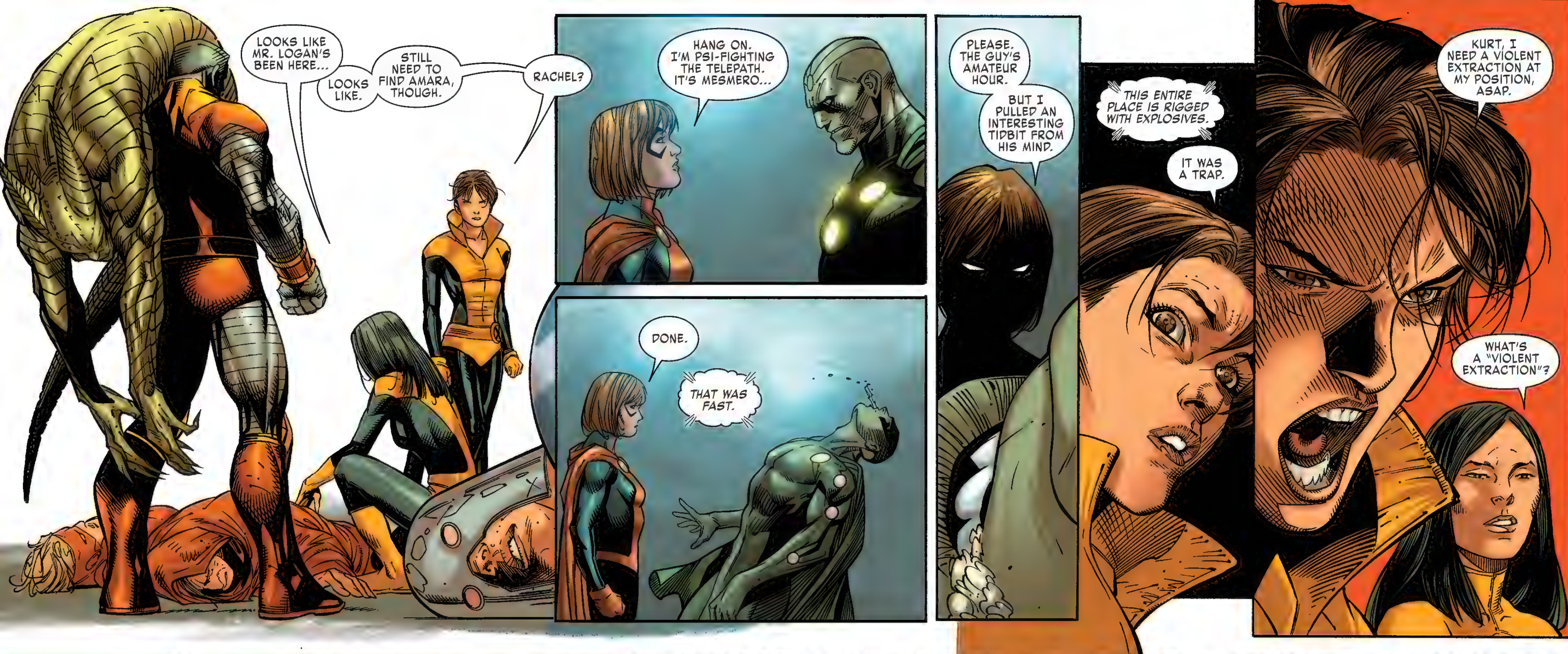


BELAY
THAT...



I FOUND
THE JERK.





LOOKS LIKE MR. LOGAN'S BEEN HERE...

LOOKS LIKE.

STILL NEED TO FIND AMARA, THOUGH.

RACHEL?

HANG ON. I'M PSI-FIGHTING THE TELEPATH. IT'S MESMERO...

PLEASE. THE GUY'S AMATEUR HOUR.

BUT I PULLED AN INTERESTING TIPBIT FROM HIS MIND.

THIS ENTIRE PLACE IS RIGGED WITH EXPLOSIVES.

IT WAS A TRAP.

KURT, I NEED A VIOLENT EXTRACTION AT MY POSITION, ASAP.

WHAT'S A "VIOLENT EXTRACTION"?

DONE.

THAT WAS FAST.

OH.



X-MEN,
CONVERGE ON
THE JET.

INSTRUMENTS
ARE READING 50
HEAT SIGNATURES,
KÄTZCHEN. AND THEY'RE
GETTING HOTTER. I
ESTIMATE DETONATION
IN TWO MINUTES.

GIMME ONE
MINUTE, 30
SECONDS,
THEN EVAC.



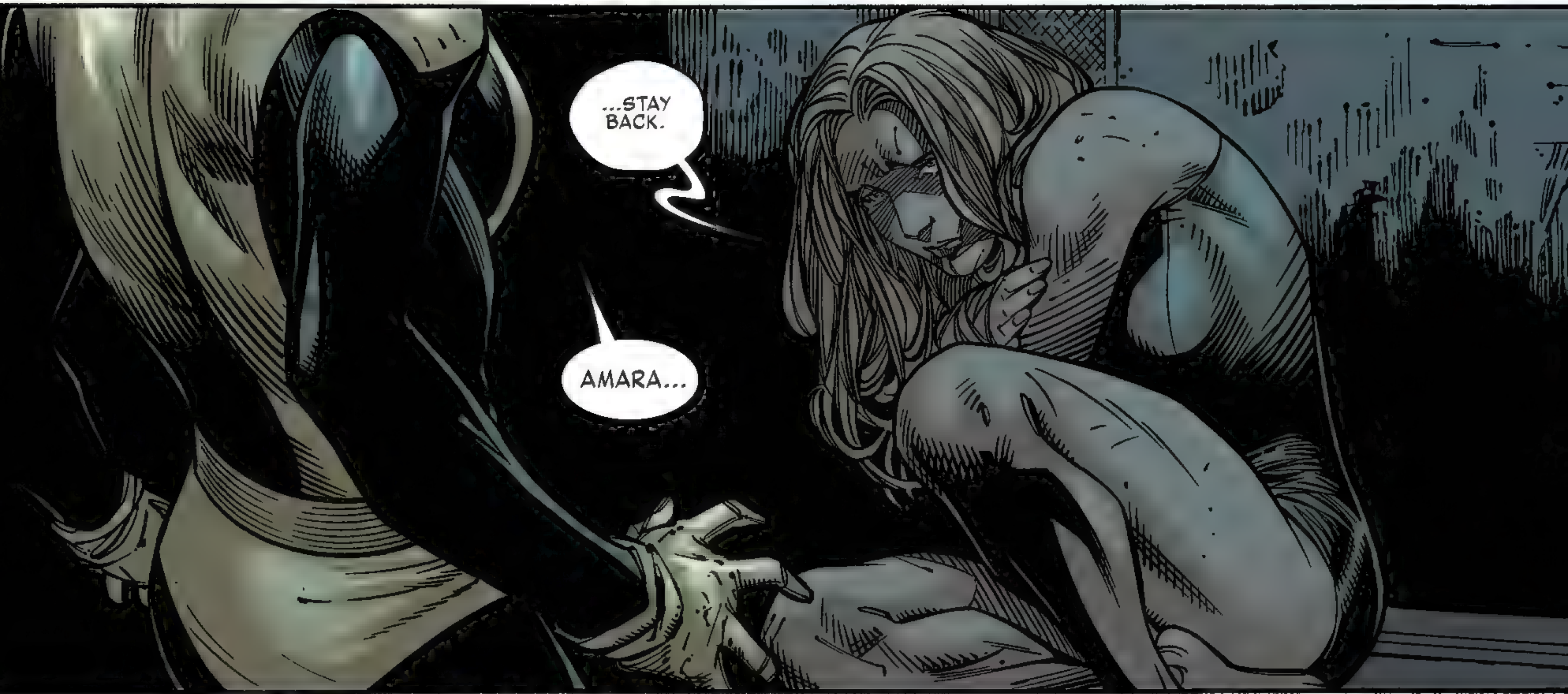
WHAT ARE
YOU GOING TO
BE DOING?



I HAVE
TO FIND
AMARA.

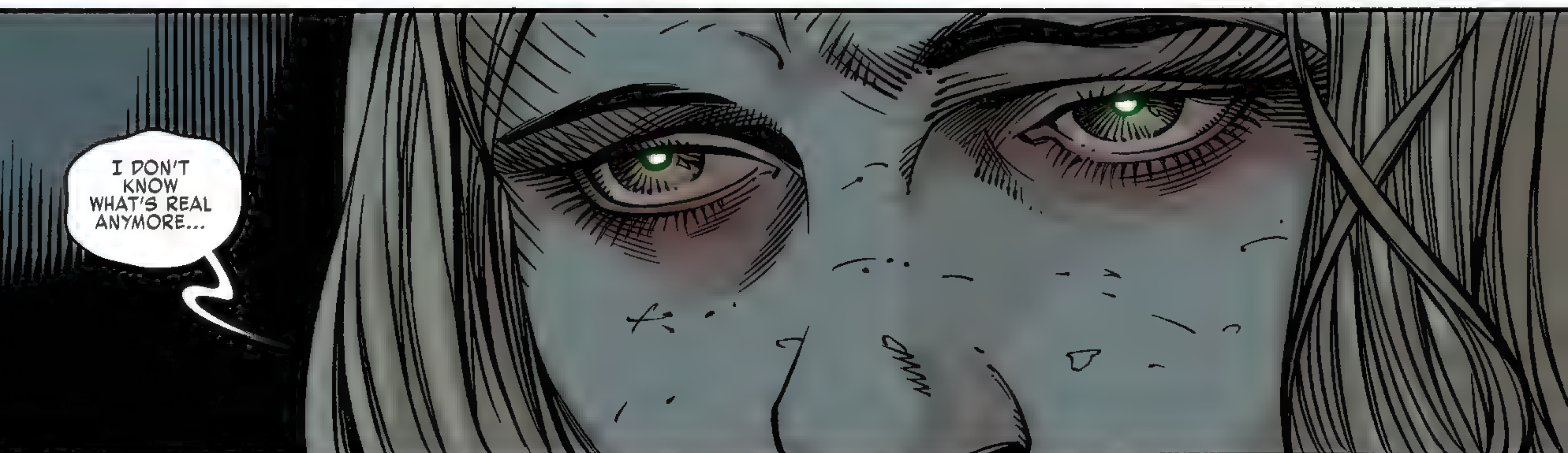
YOU
SHOULD BE
RIGHT ON
TOP OF HER,
BOSS.

STAY...



...STAY
BACK.

AMARA...



I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT'S REAL
ANYMORE...



I'M REAL, AMARA.
MESMERO'S DOWN.
HE CAN'T MANIPULATE
YOU ANYMORE...

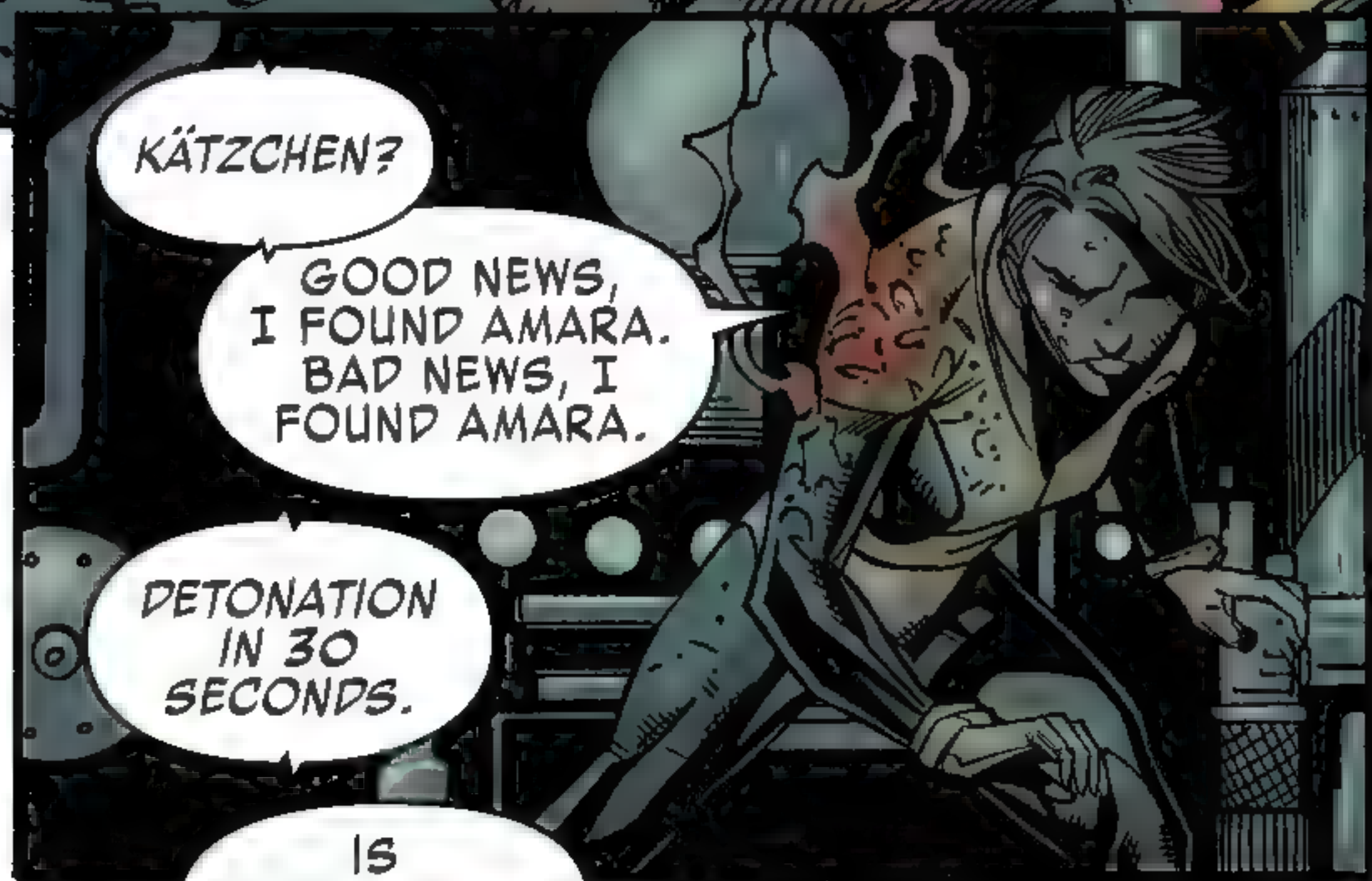
STAY
BACK...

I'VE GOT
TO GET YOU
OUT OF
HERE...

I
SAID...



...**STAY
BACK!!!**



KÄTZCHEN?

GOOD NEWS,
I FOUND AMARA.
BAD NEWS, I
FOUND AMARA.

DETONATION
IN 30
SECONDS.

IS
EVERYONE ON
THE JET?



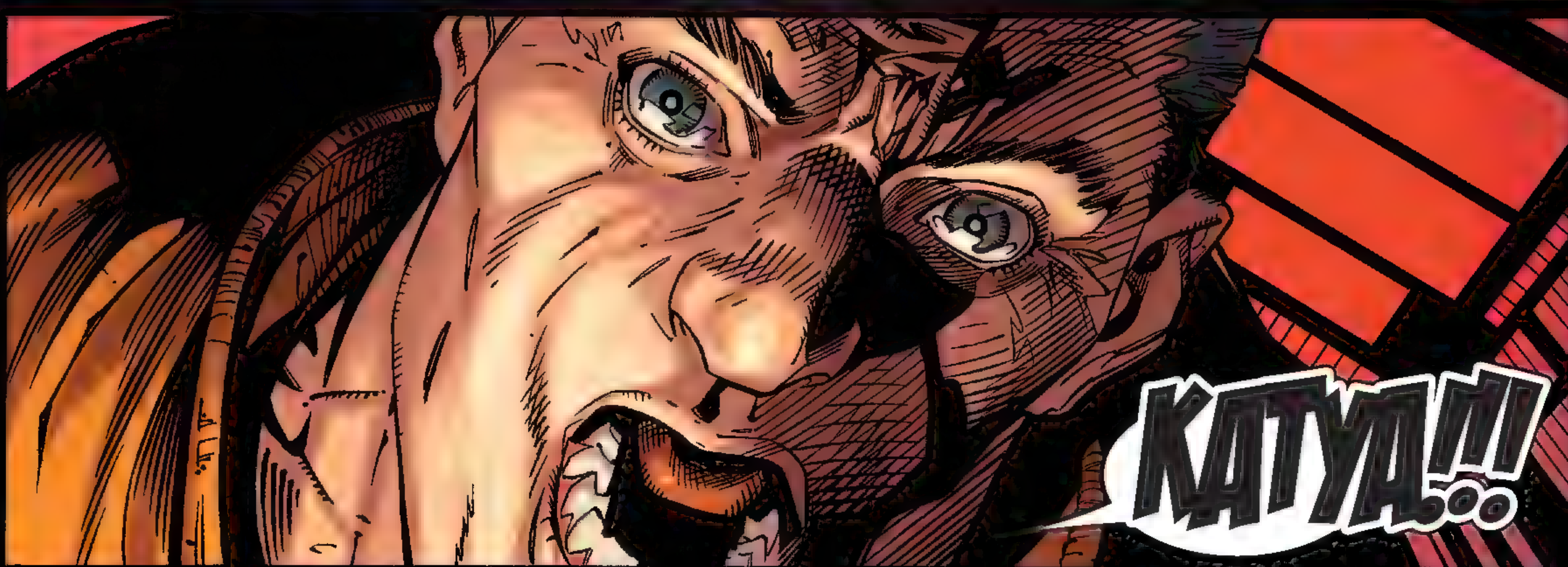
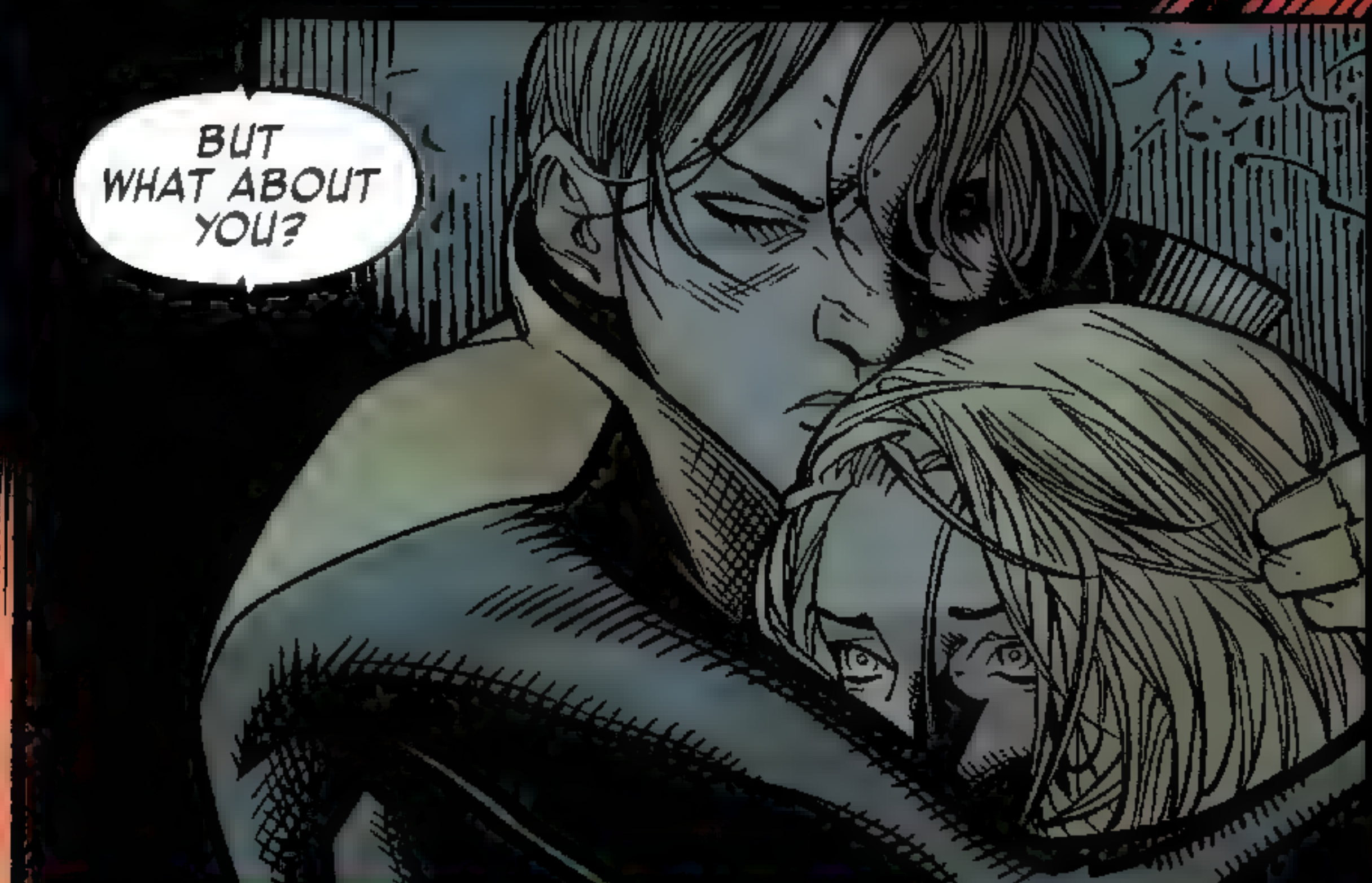
YES,
INCLUDING
RACHEL. BUT
WHAT ABOUT
YOU?

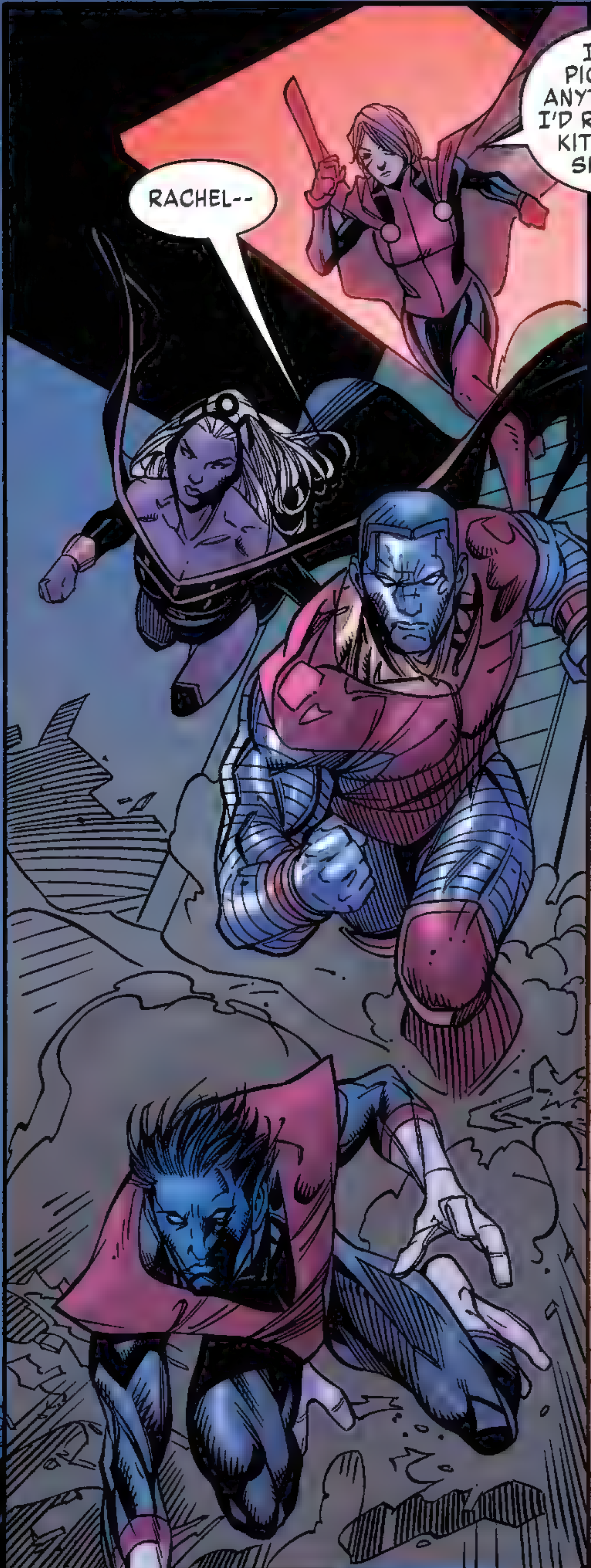


DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
ME. GET TO
MINIMUM SAFE
DISTANCE.

ARMOR,
TAKE THE
CONTROLS. I'M
GOING BACK FOR
KITTY AND
AMARA.

THERE'S
NO TIME.





RACHEL--

I'M NOT PICKING UP ANYTHING, BUT I'D REINFORCED KITTY'S PSI-SHIELDS...



CONDUCT A TELEPORT SEARCH OF THE FACILITY.

HEY...



...I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONE WHO GAVE THE ORDERS.

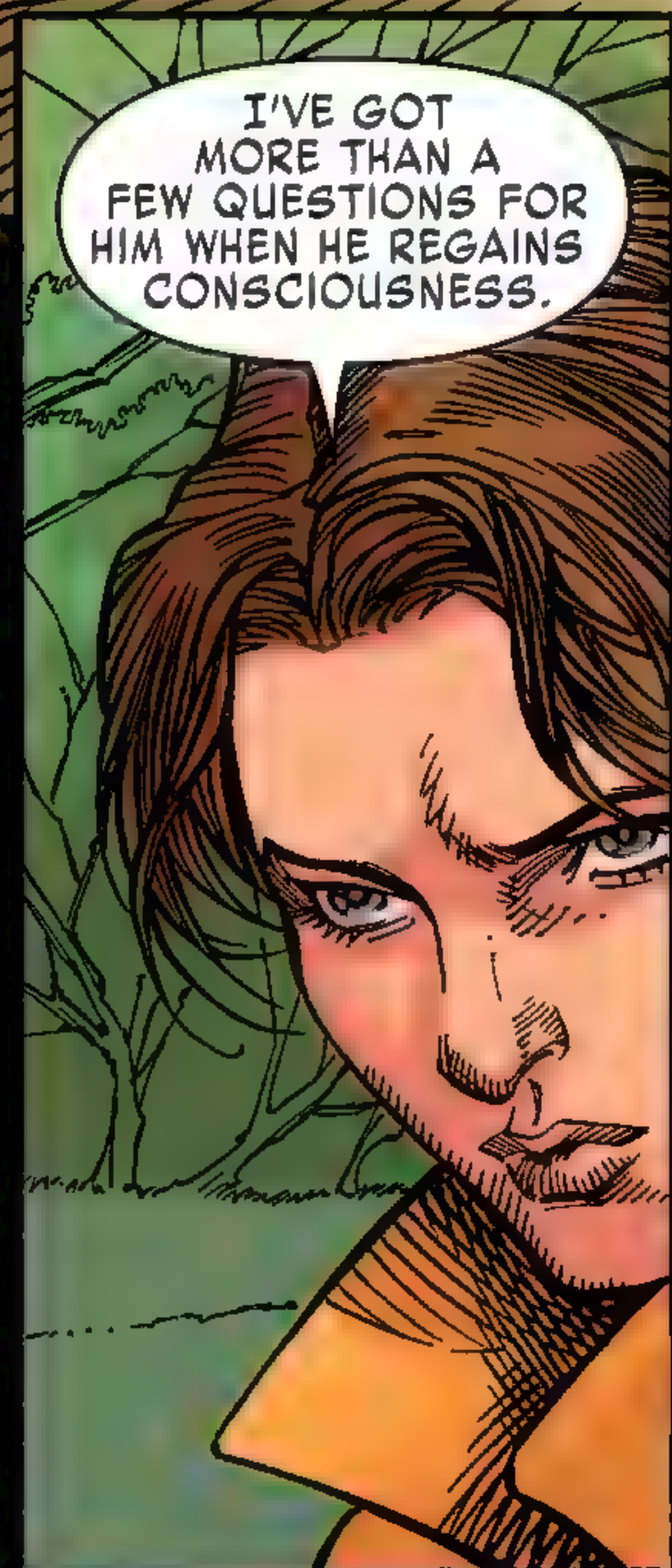
"SO, THAT'S IT?"

CENTRAL PARK,
NEW YORK CITY.



WE JUST
LET S.H.I.E.L.D.
TAKE OUT THE
TRASH?

I NEGOTIATED
FOR US TO MAINTAIN
CUSTODY OF THE CREEPY
NEW GUY WHO DOESN'T
TALK.



I'VE GOT
MORE THAN A
FEW QUESTIONS FOR
HIM WHEN HE REGAINS
CONSCIOUSNESS.



WE SAVED THE
FLAMIN' MAYOR. YOU'D
THINK THAT'D EARN US
SOME KINDA TICKER TAPE
PARADE.

YOU KNOW
THAT'S NOT HOW
THINGS WORK,
LOGAN.

A MAN
CAN DREAM,
CAN'T HE?

TRUTH BE
TOLD, I'D SETTLE
FOR A BREAK ON
OUR PROPERTY
TAXES.



KITTY?

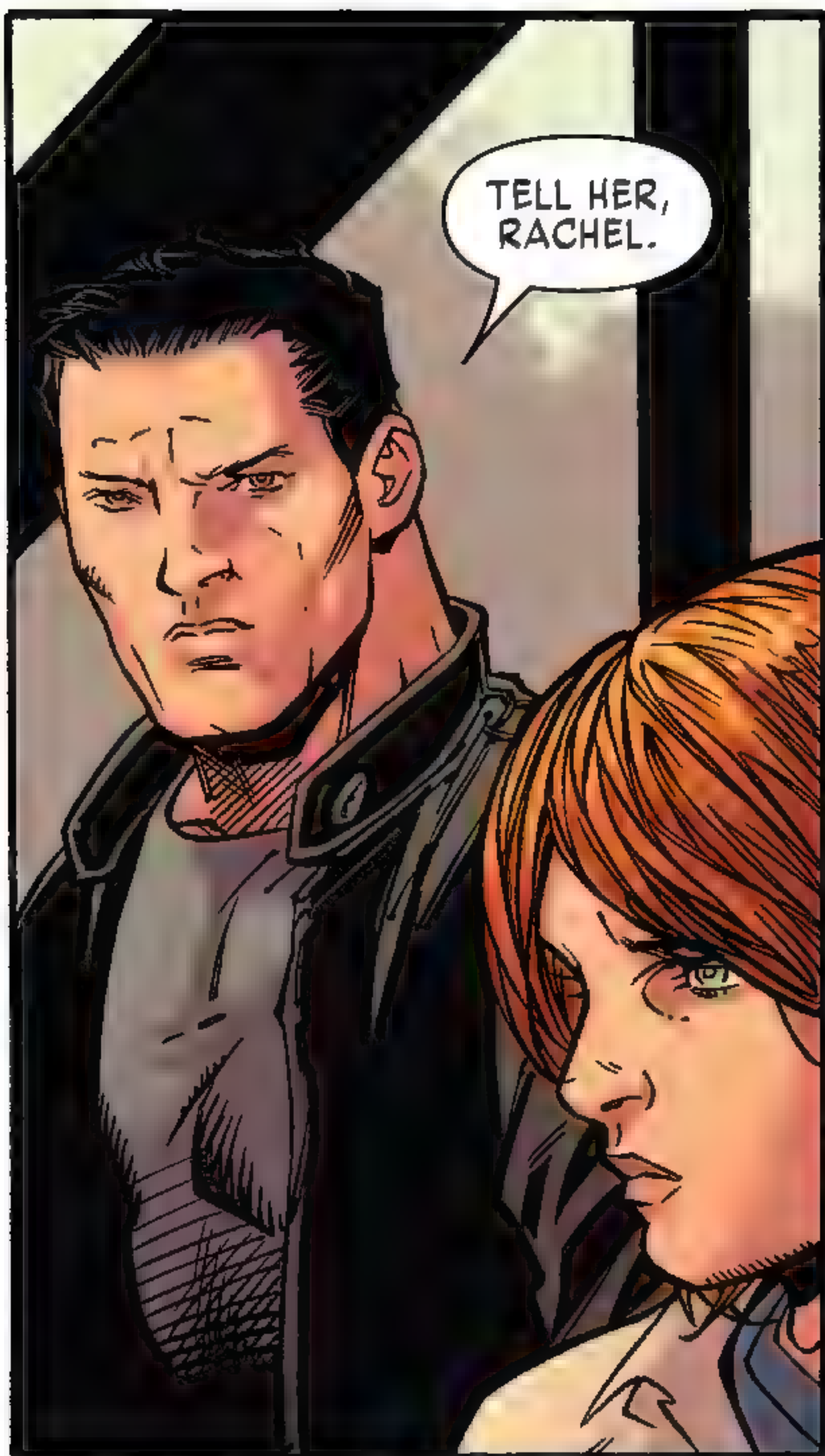
YEAH,
RACHEL?

YOU
SHOULD COME
INSIDE.

THERE'S
SOMETHING
YOU NEED
TO KNOW.



I REALLY
WANT TO THANK
YOU GUYS. I WAS
TOTALLY LOOKING
FOR A REASON NOT
TO SLEEP, LIKE, AT
ALL TONIGHT.



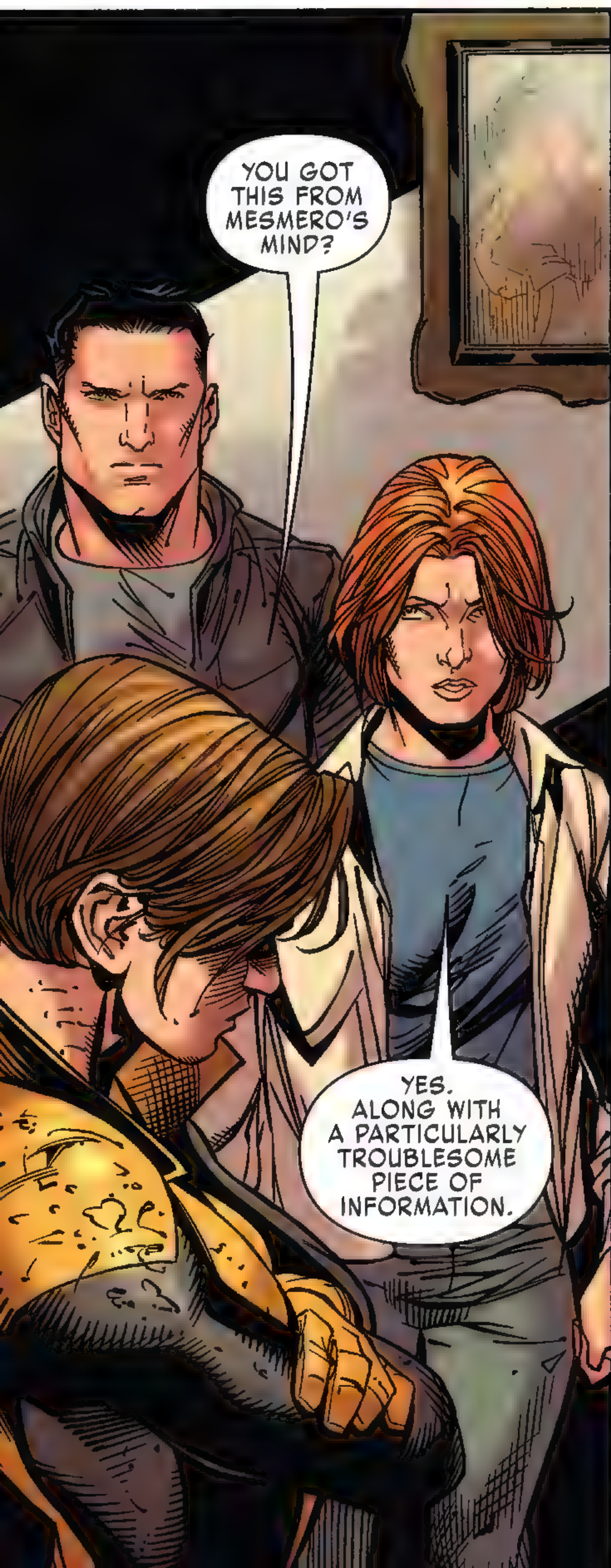
TELL HER,
RACHEL.



THIS
IS MORE
COMPLICATED
THAN WE
THOUGHT.

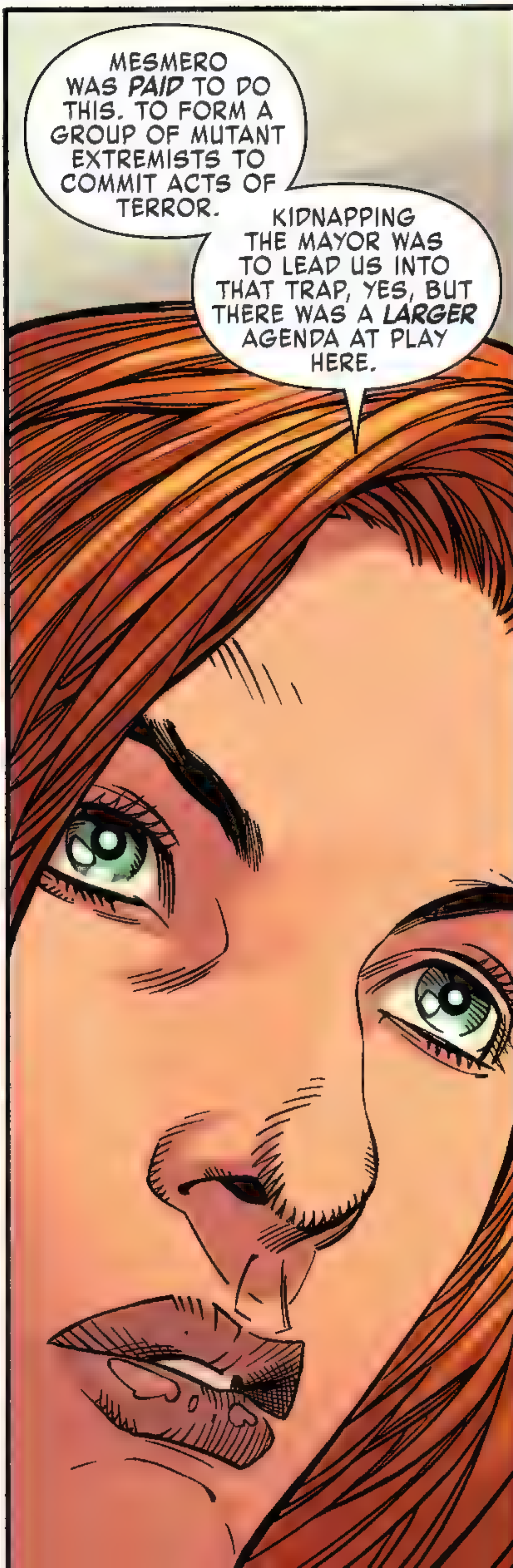
THIS
"BROTHERHOOD
OF EVIL MUTANTS."
IT WASN'T JUST
AMARA UNDER
MESMERO'S
CONTROL.

ALL OF THEM
WERE BEING
INFLUENCED TO
ONE EXTENT OR
ANOTHER.



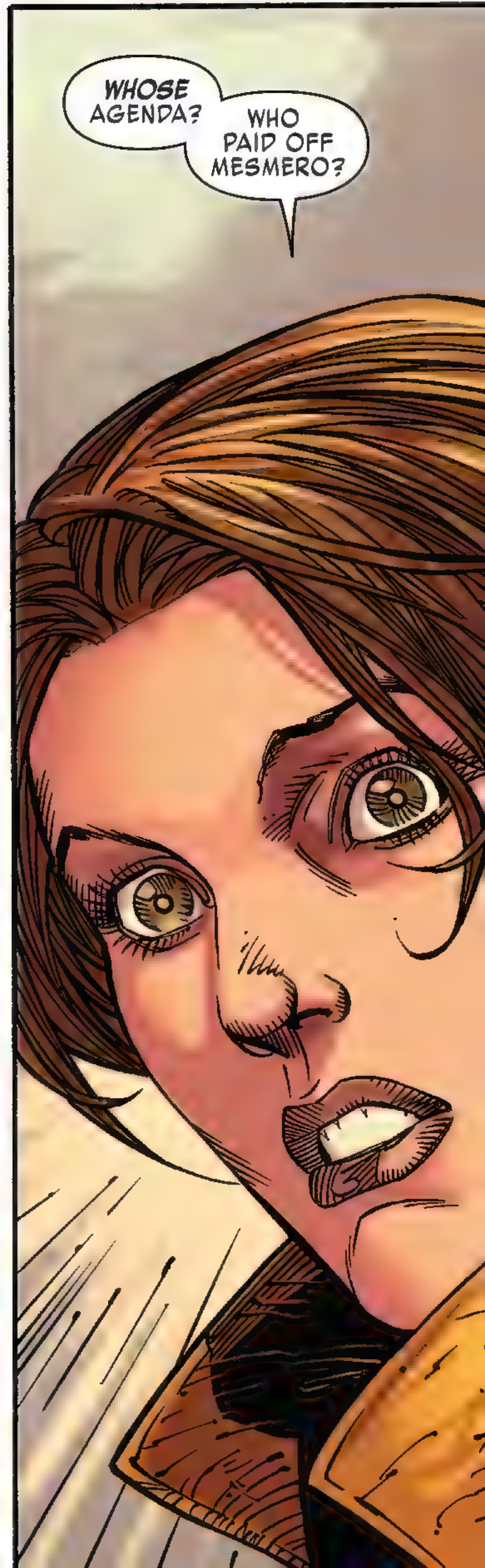
YOU GOT
THIS FROM
MESMERO'S
MIND?

YES.
ALONG WITH
A PARTICULARLY
TROUBLESOME
PIECE OF
INFORMATION.



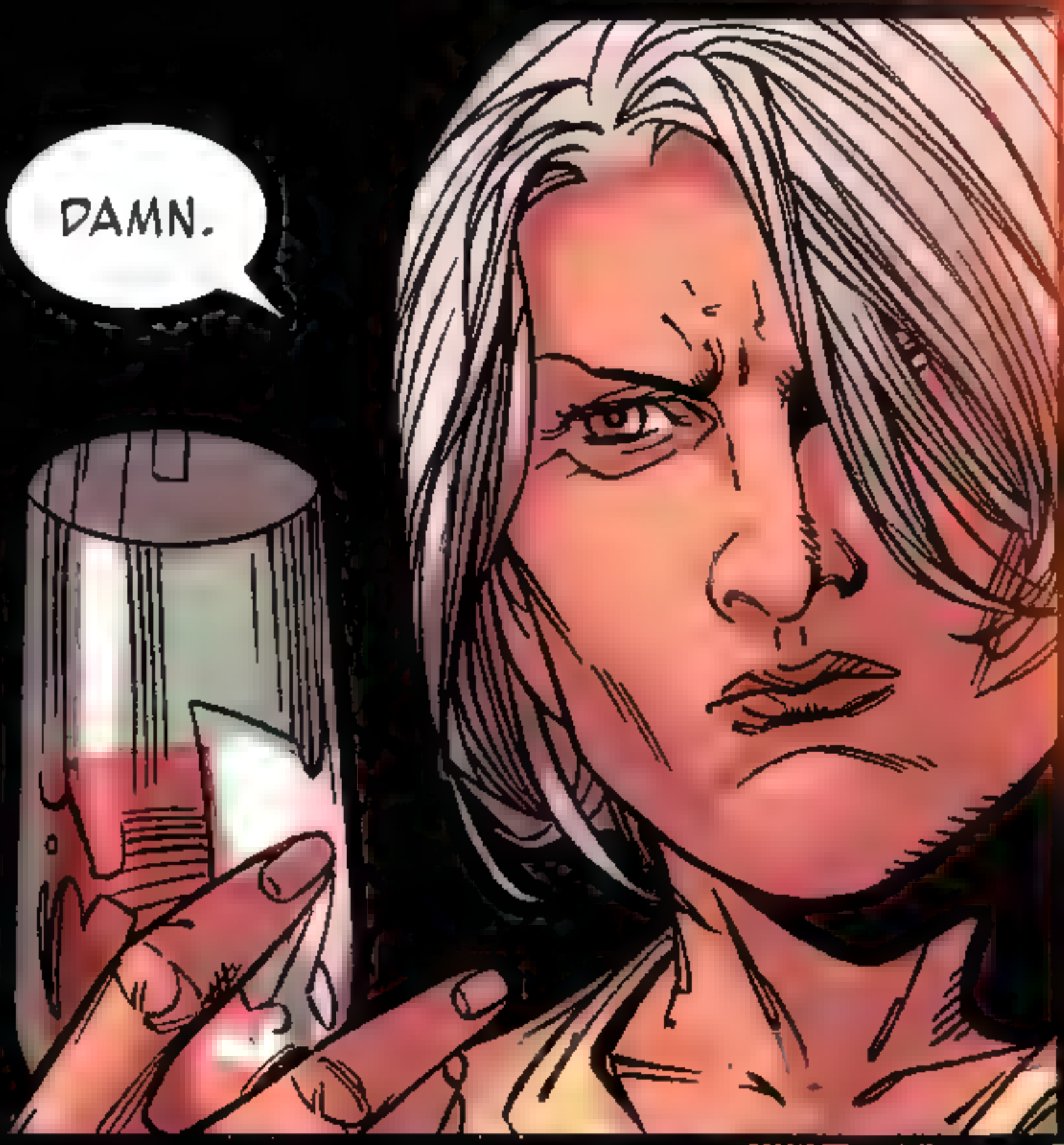
MESMERO
WAS PAID TO DO
THIS. TO FORM A
GROUP OF MUTANT
EXTREMISTS TO
COMMIT ACTS OF
TERROR.

KIDNAPPING
THE MAYOR WAS
TO LEAD US INTO
THAT TRAP, YES, BUT
THERE WAS A LARGER
AGENDA AT PLAY
HERE.

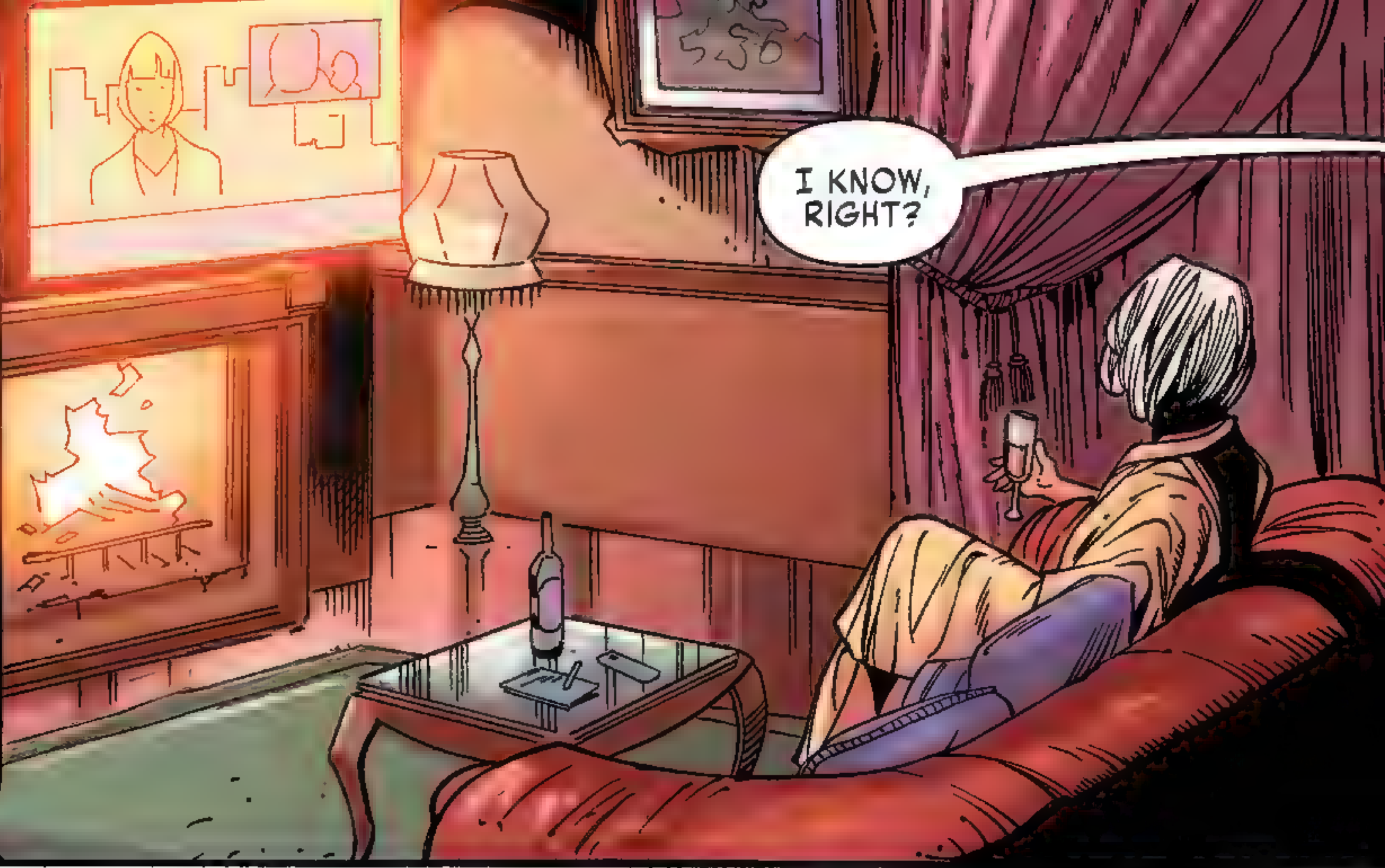


WHOSE
AGENDA?

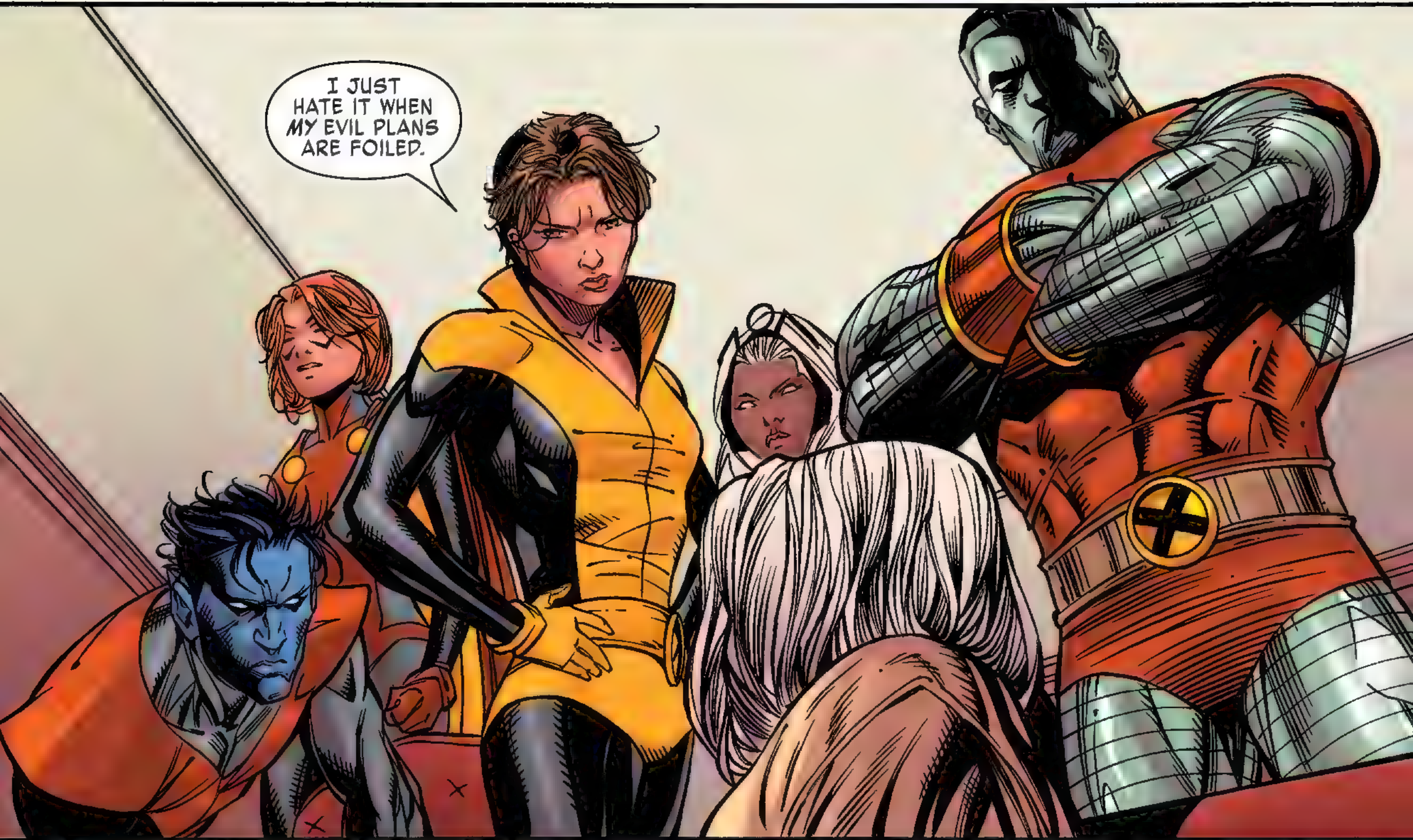
WHO
PAID OFF
MESMERO?



DAMN.



I KNOW, RIGHT?



I JUST HATE IT WHEN MY EVIL PLANS ARE FOILED.



IF THAT'S FOR YOUR SECURITY PERSONNEL, I WOULDN'T BOTHER.

THEY'RE TAKING A LITTLE NAP-TIME

BUT LET'S
TALK ABOUT YOU,
MS. NANCE.

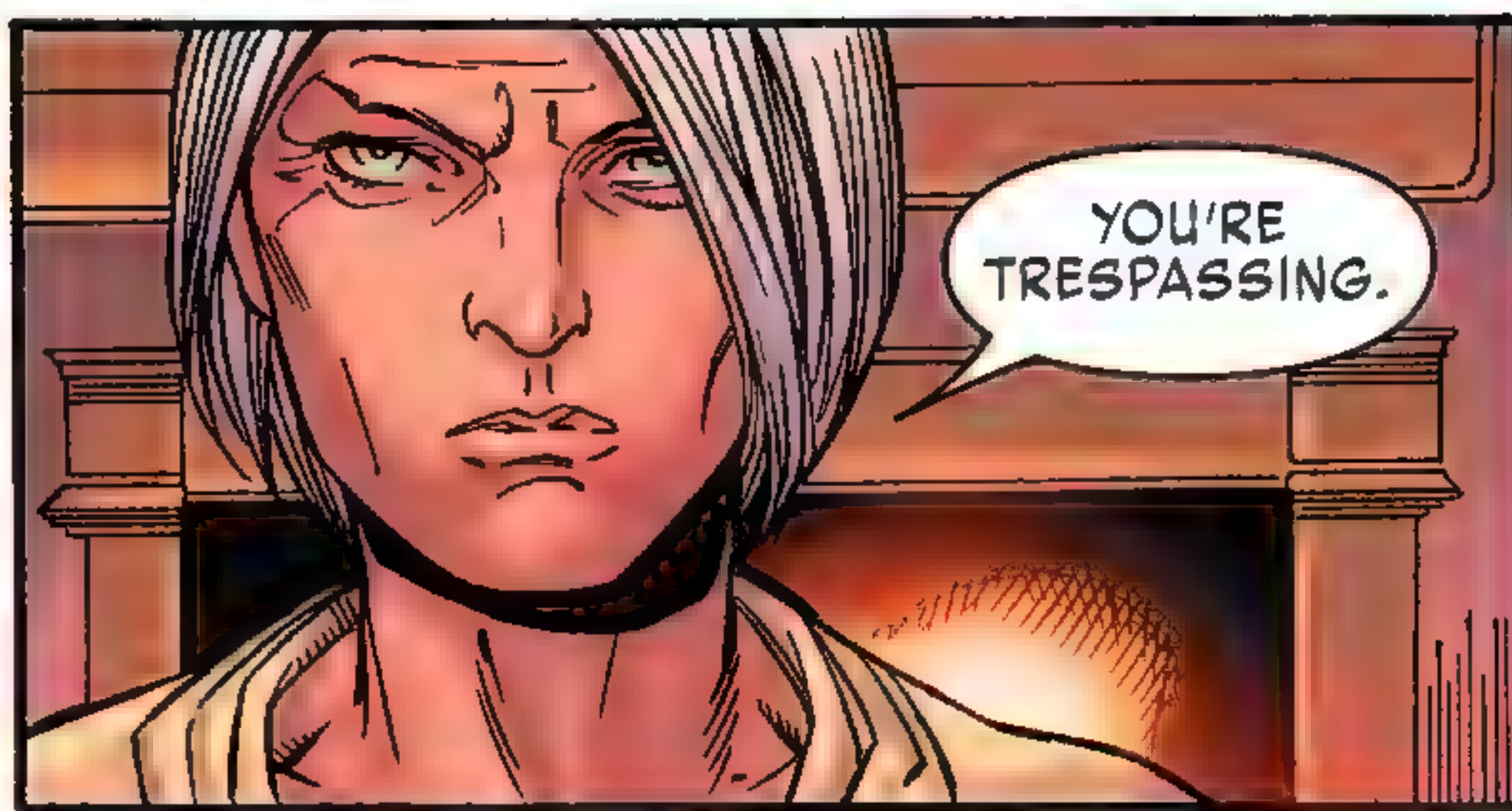
YOU CREATED
A GROUP OF
MUTANTS TO COMMIT
TERRORIST ACTS YOU
COULD USE TO JUSTIFY
YOUR ANTI-MUTANT
POLITICS.



"BROTHERHOOD
OF EVIL MUTANTS."
GOD, YOU WEREN'T
EVEN SUBTLE.

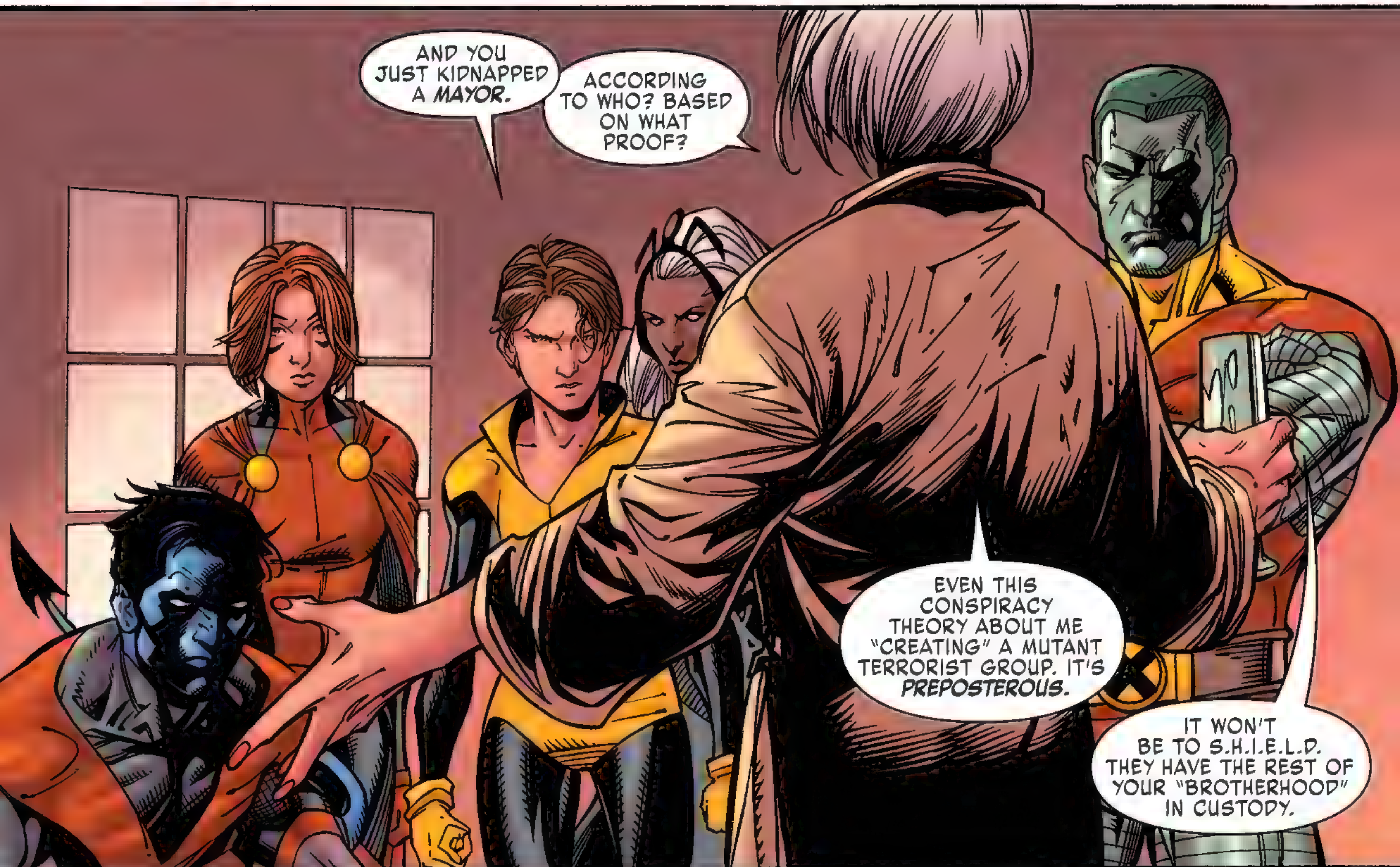


YOU'RE
TRESPASSING.



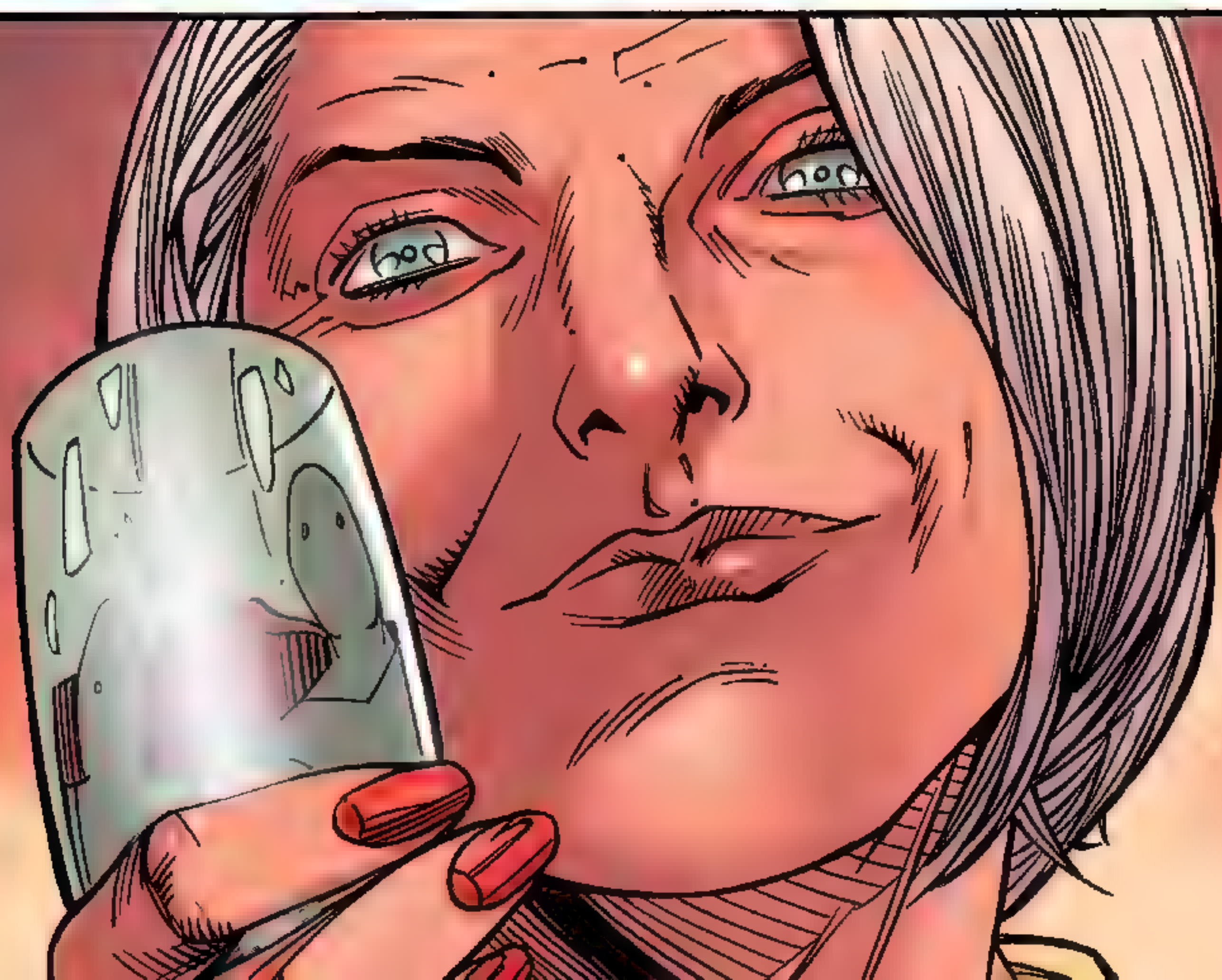
AND YOU
JUST KIDNAPPED
A MAYOR.

ACCORDING
TO WHO? BASED
ON WHAT
PROOF?

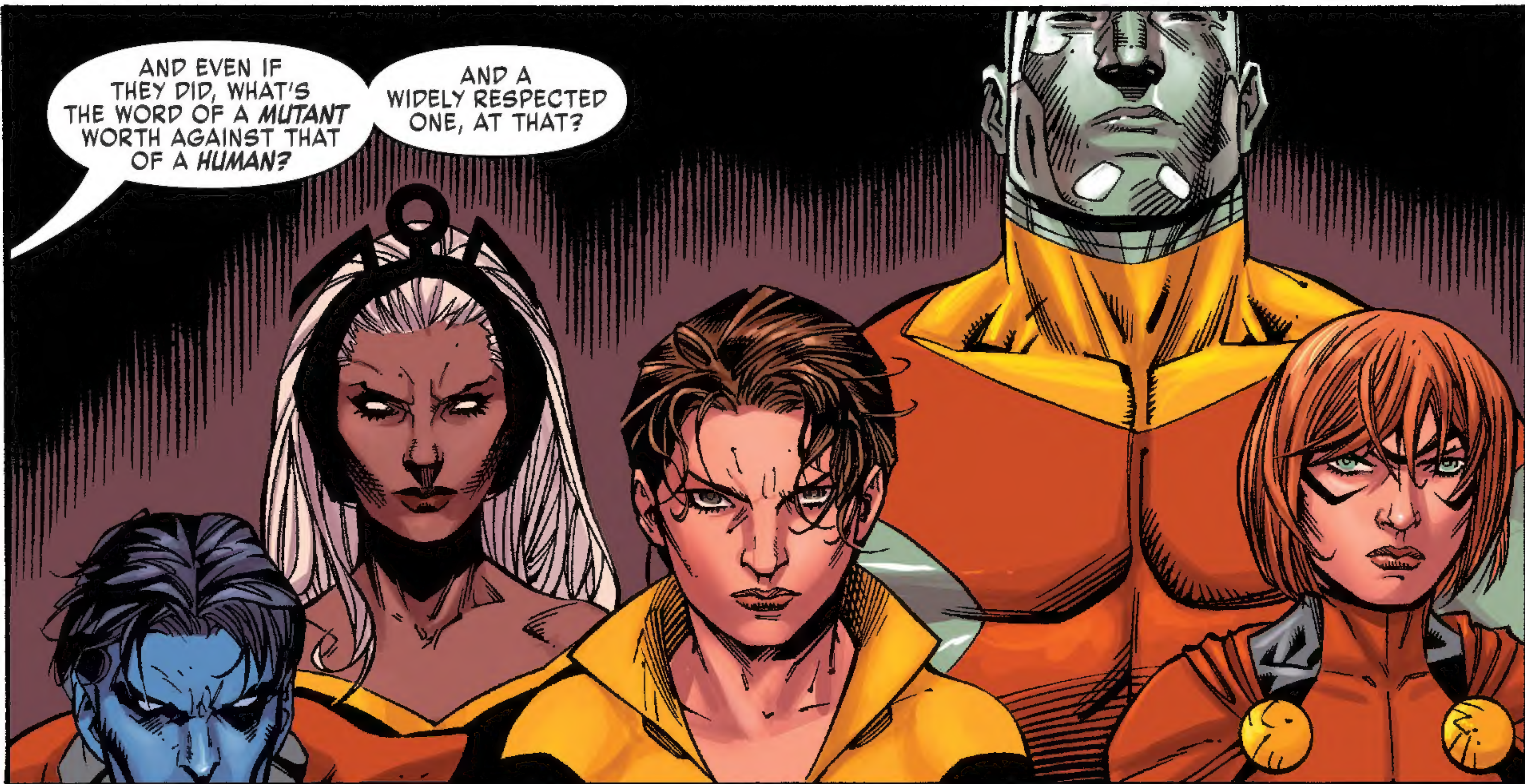


EVEN THIS
CONSPIRACY
THEORY ABOUT ME
"CREATING" A MUTANT
TERRORIST GROUP. IT'S
PREPOSTEROUS.

IT WON'T
BE TO S.H.I.E.L.D.
THEY HAVE THE REST OF
YOUR "BROTHERHOOD"
IN CUSTODY.

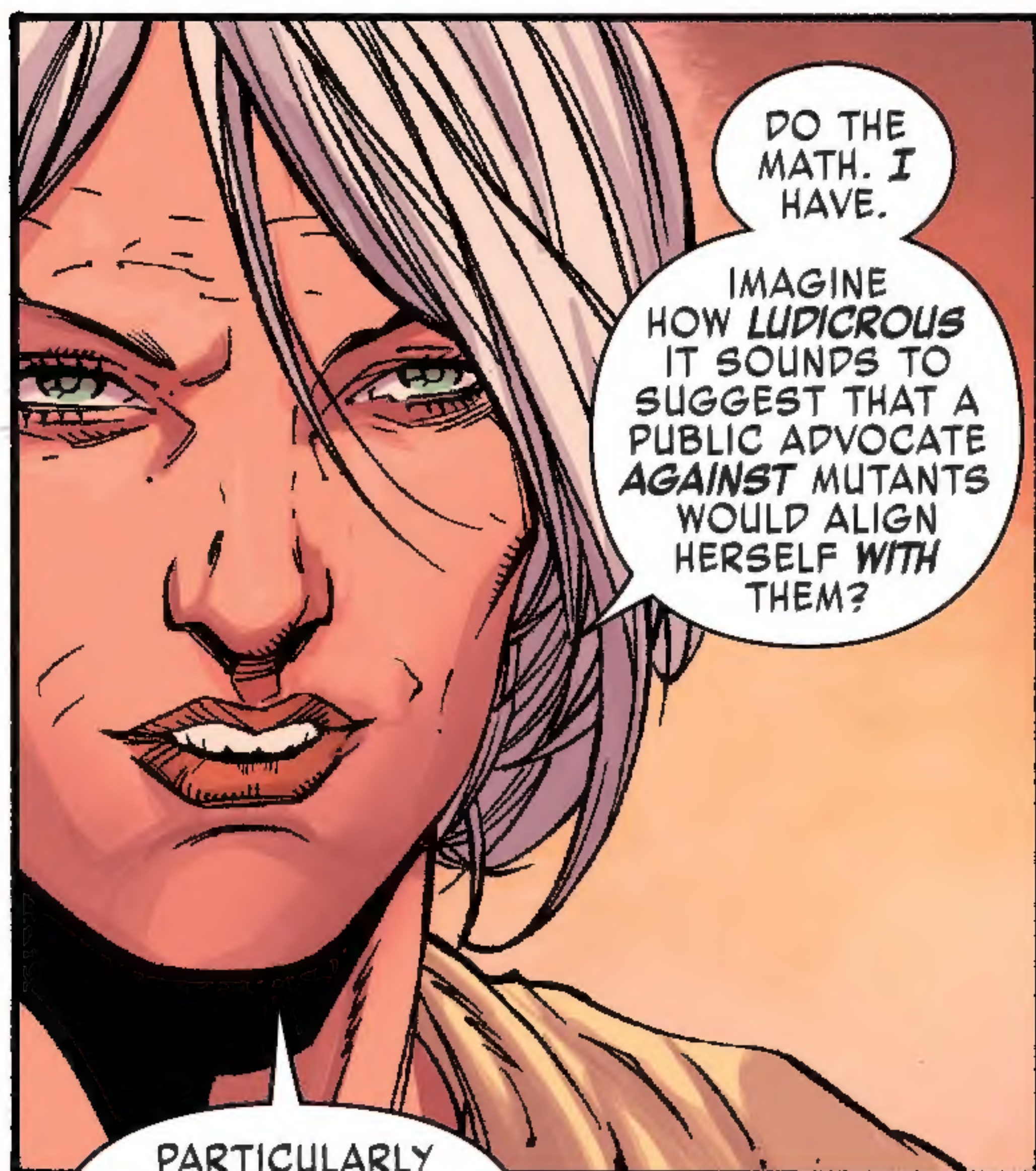


I THINK
YOU'LL FIND
THEY DON'T HAVE
MUCH MEMORY OF
THEIR ACTIONS.



AND EVEN IF THEY DID, WHAT'S THE WORD OF A *MUTANT* WORTH AGAINST THAT OF A *HUMAN*?

AND A WIDELY RESPECTED ONE, AT THAT?



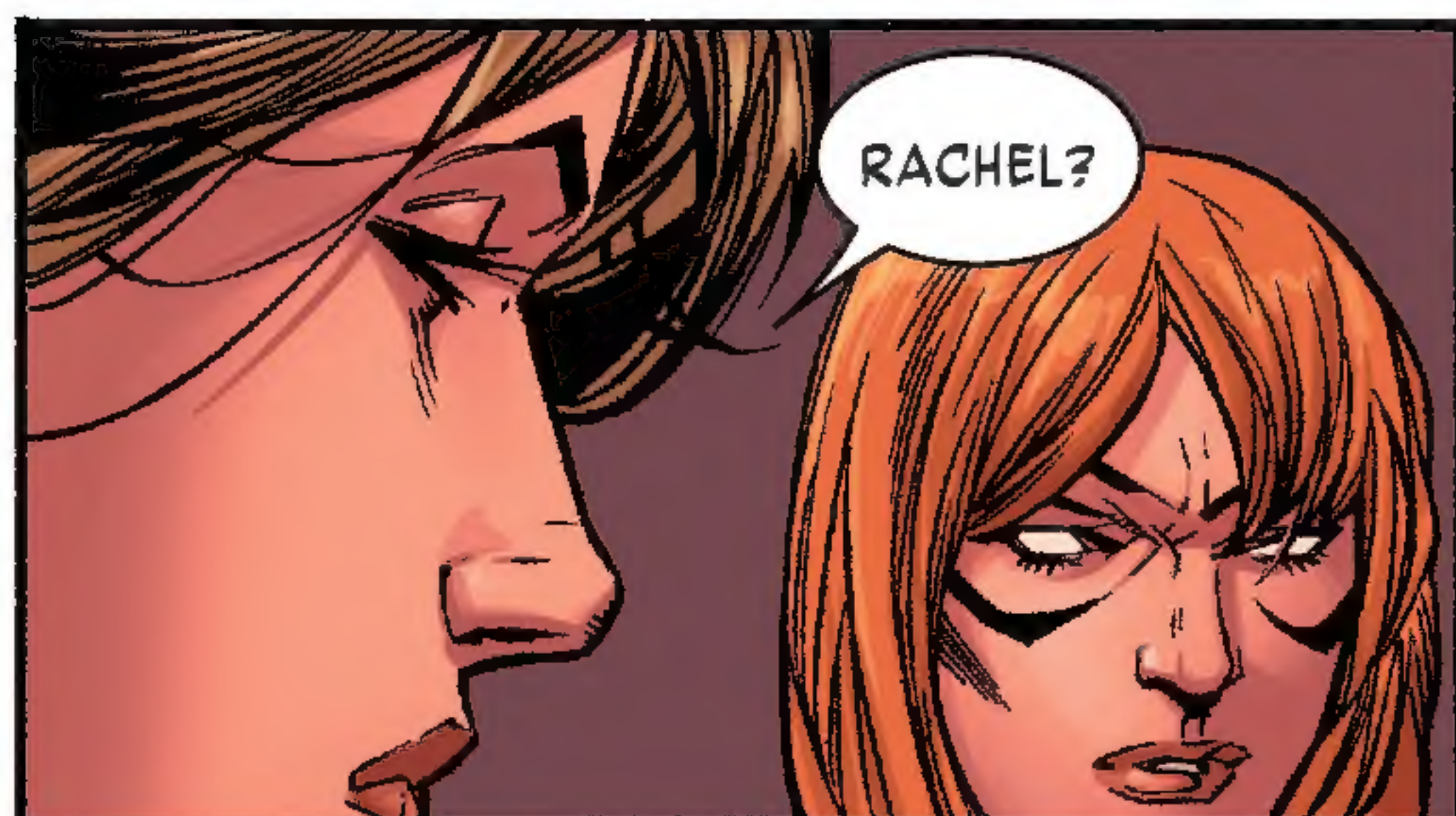
DO THE MATH. I HAVE.

IMAGINE HOW *LUDICROUS* IT SOUNDS TO SUGGEST THAT A PUBLIC ADVOCATE *AGAINST* MUTANTS WOULD ALIGN HERSELF *WITH* THEM?



PARTICULARLY AFTER ANOTHER MUTANT GROUP HAS BROKEN INTO HER HOUSE, ASSAULTED HER SECURITY STAFF, AND THREATENED HER?

ACTUALLY, I HAVEN'T GOTTEN AROUND TO THREATENING YOU YET.

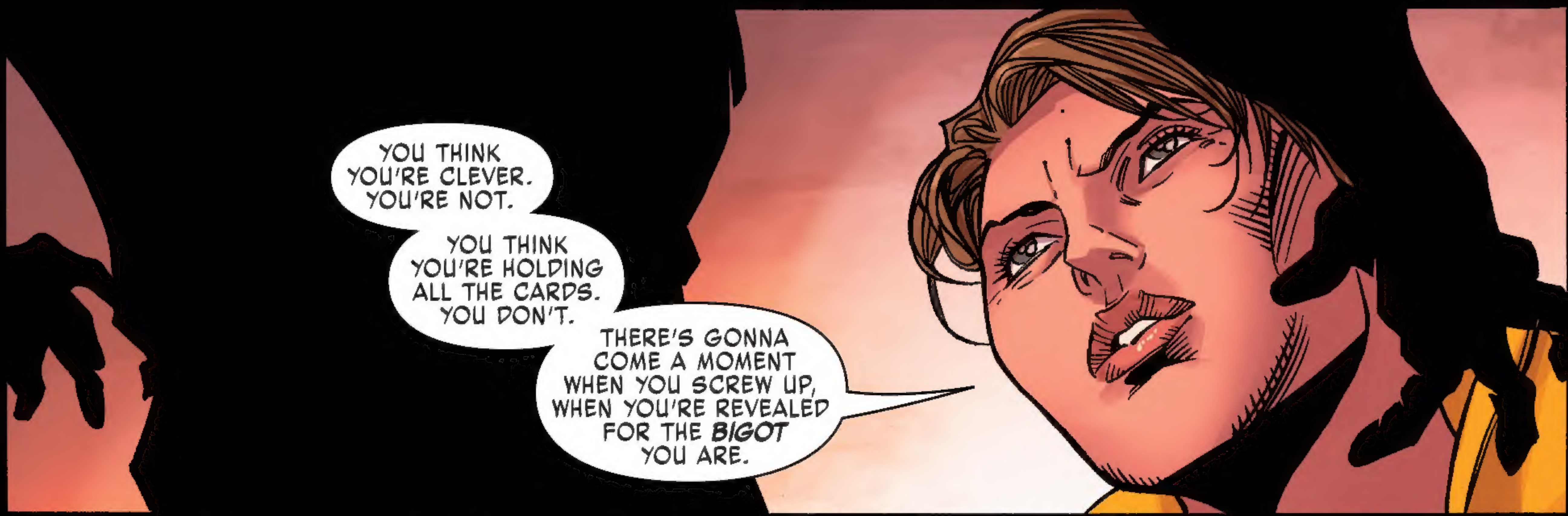


RACHEL?



URK--

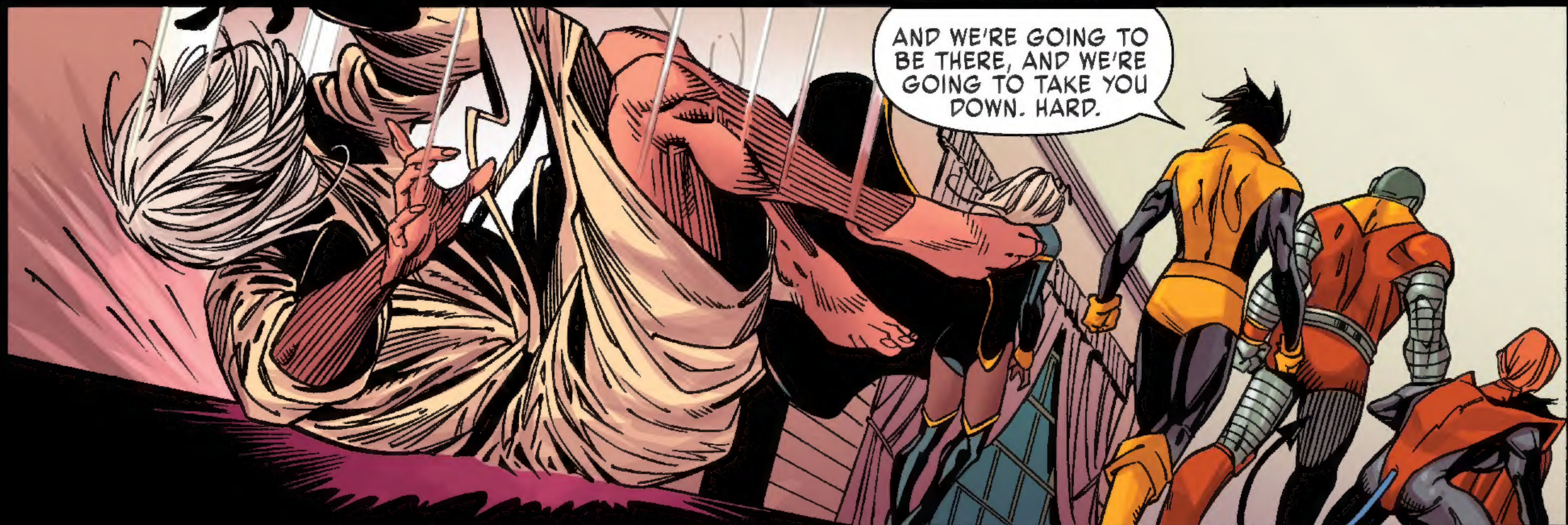
OKAY. NOW I'M THREATENING YOU.



YOU THINK
YOU'RE CLEVER.
YOU'RE NOT.

YOU THINK
YOU'RE HOLDING
ALL THE CARDS.
YOU DON'T.

THERE'S GONNA
COME A MOMENT
WHEN YOU SCREW UP,
WHEN YOU'RE REVEALED
FOR THE **BIGOT**
YOU ARE.

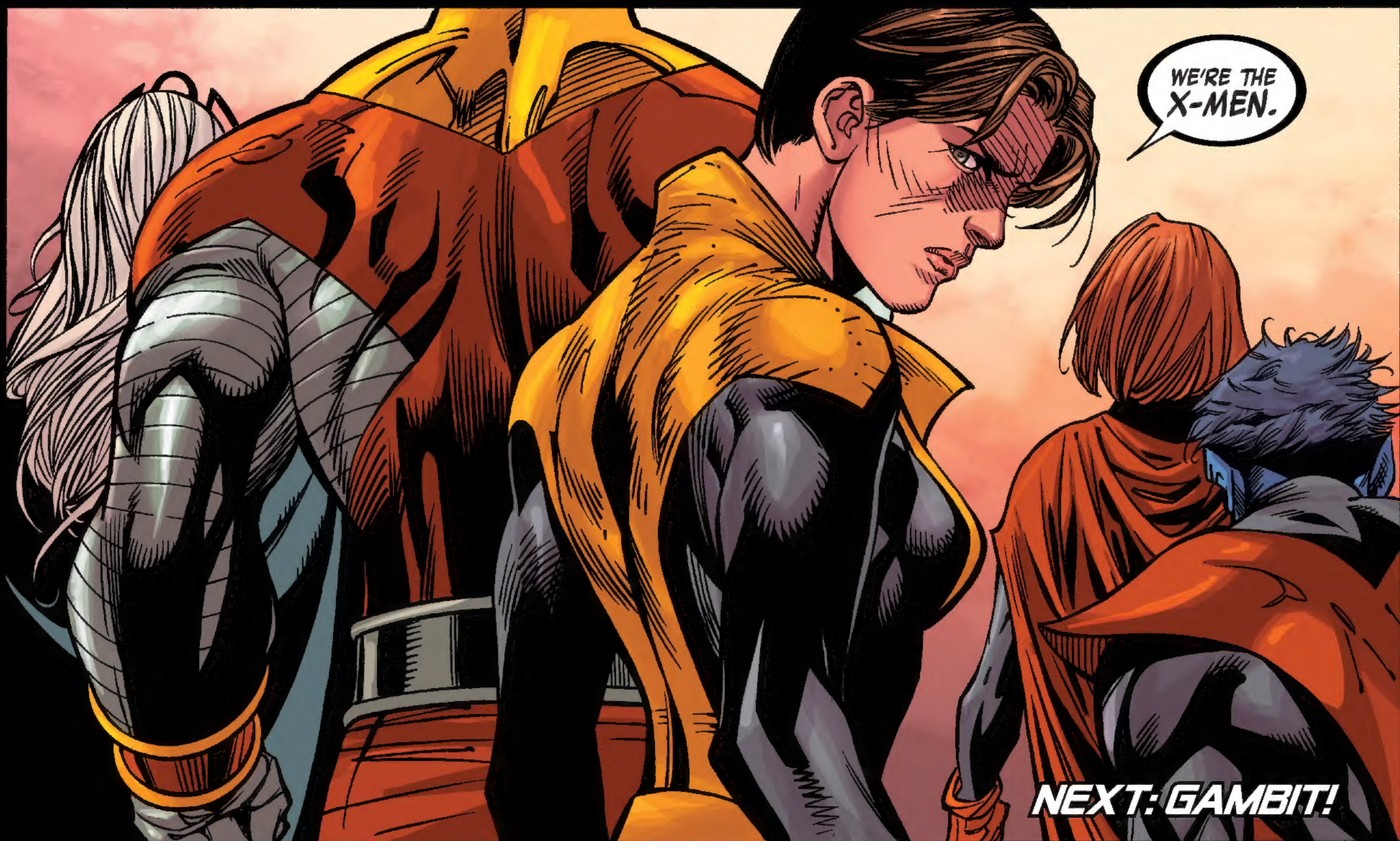


AND WE'RE GOING TO
BE THERE, AND WE'RE
GOING TO TAKE YOU
DOWN. HARD.



YOU'RE
PATHETICALLY
NAÏVE.

WHO DO
YOU THINK YOU
ARE, AFTER
ALL?



WE'RE THE
X-MEN.

NEXT: GAMBIT!

X-MEN

GOLD

X-MEN GOLD #4 IN TWO WEEKS



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